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On The Record

BY PETE DVARACKAS

Taxiing my way to JFK for a two-week stint in London, Amsterdam and Hamburg, the cab driver reflected on life in the city: "Every time I leave New York for vacation I feel anxious and can't wait to get back. It's funny because basically this is such a fucked-up city, I can't imagine **what** I miss." He misses **New York**. I did too, despite London's theatre and music, Amsterdam's nightlife, and Hamburg's opera.

Gay life in those cities is a mixed bag. London was perhaps the least impressive. In one instance, conversing with a man outside the Picadilly Theatre where Angela Lansbury is starring in **Gypsy**, I asked him where the local gay bars were located. He looked at me as if I were Godzilla and asked incredulously, "What do you want to know for?"

"Because I'm homosexual," I replied. Well, he didn't know of any place, then suggested that I "try the **toilets**" and walked on. When I did discover Earls Court, the gay section and hit a few discotheques, the atmosphere was basically standoffish. Unusually hot for the season I took off my shirt after some strenuous dancing only to be ordered to "put it back on." People don't hold hands, or kiss or embrace even in bars with much comfort, **forget** the streets. The little things you take for granted here, right.

When I got back to New York, I got on the telephone to find out what had been happening. Vito Russo told me Alexander Cohen and Vincent Sardi were agitated by the presence of the **Little Theatre** on W. 44 which showed all-male films until they somehow got the place closed down. Cohen, who lives in London, told how proud he is of West 44th Street's cultural aspects which he wants to "protect," and Sardi vowed to "drive out the vermin" that male films attract to his street. A great many gay people patronize his restaurant, who after **that** remark, perhaps shouldn't.

Russo, Jeff Shaw and Morty Manford individually had much to say about the first public meeting of the Gay Democratic Club at **Brothers and Sisters** on 46th Street. Not only did the club (an outgrowth of Jim Owles' campaign for City Council) draw more than 100 people to the initial meeting, but it was also populated by politicians such as Congresswoman Bella Abzug, Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton, City Councilwoman Carol Greitzer, Robert Wagner Jr. and Congressman Ed Koch.

Coming away from the event with egg on his face was Ed Koch who supported **Village Voice** publisher Mary Nichols' complaints about Christopher Street which was called a hotbed of male prostitution. Koch is opposed to sexual solicitation of **any** kind, apparently, terming it "harassment," and he urged gays to "understand the changing climate of the Village" and to "move on" when police ask us to, Manford reports. Then, adding insult to injustice, he refused to consider introducing any sexual orientation legislation to protect gays under the 1964 Civil Rights Act claiming it was "not the right time." Bella disagreed and said she would support such a plank; she got an ovation for that.

Overall, the meeting was a success with hopes of gaining a necessary charter to become a part of the Democratic Party. Al Blumenthal, who's running for Mayor, was particularly enthused by the new organization and summed up the sentiments this way, "It's time for gay people to form a political front to work for candidates who'll work for them." The club is meeting again Sunday at 8 p.m. at Brothers and Sisters. There's a \$7 membership fee. Thereafter the meetings are monthly.

GAY may shortly return to a bi-weekly schedule. The enthusiasm for the new format has shown itself in increased circulation and ad revenue, up about 35 per cent despite a variety of obstacles, those being that my energies have been divided between SCREW and GAY, both of which I edit, and the fact that ever since the first new GAY hit the stands we have been operating with an ad manager, David Buckley, who was just beginning to learn the territory. Buckley succeeds Stefani Lyon, GAY's long-term ad person who died in a car crash July 4. Buckley is now grabbing a firmer hold of GAY's advertising potential, and on the editorial side, I have resigned from SCREW to devote my full efforts to GAY in anticipation of bi-weekly publication. We're beginning an exciting period of GAY's growth and we hope you'll share it with us.

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Rizzo's Last Stand

Philadelphia's ex-police chief turned mayor, Frank Rizzo, became enraged when the local reporters kept covering a "snoop squad" which he had allegedly used, Watergate style, to spy on political enemies.

"In a bitter exchange after the newspapers' first revelations, Rizzo phoned the Philadelphia **Evening Bulletin's** city editor John Farmer and asked him to check out a tip that Farmer was 'a fagot,'" **Newsweek** reported. "The paper coolly published the request, along with the mayor's subsequent apology."

Later, Rizzo agreed to take a lie detector test regarding other charges that he had attempted to swap lucrative city construction contracts in exchange for picking the Democratic party's candidate for district attorney.

"I have great confidence in the polygraphy," Rizzo declared. "If it says a man lied, he lied." Then Rizzo flunked six key questions. The polygraph said he lied.



Truth and consequences for Philly Mayor

Fag Hags Unlimited

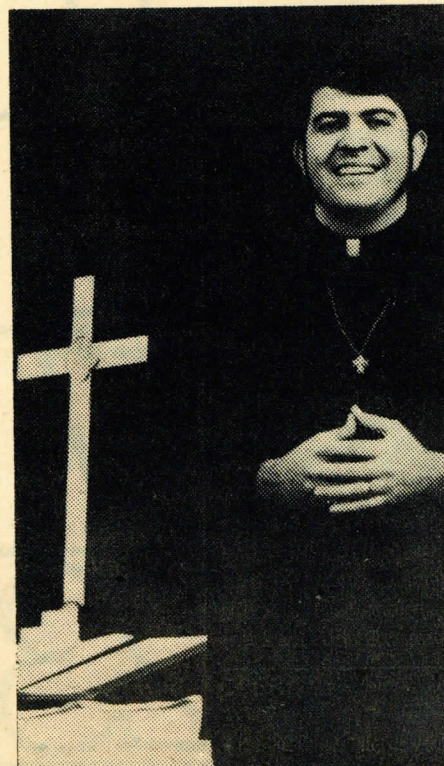
Marisa Berenson, an actress, model and aristocrat who was featured prominently in **Newsweek** as the "lauded lovely of the Beautiful People," has attitudes on gays that have raised some eyebrows.

According to **Newsweek**, Ms. Berenson runs with the new Jet Set in which the bisexuality of many is openly acknowledged.

Under a heading in bold type reading, "Nothing More Fun Than Fags," **Newsweek** reported: "With no one im-

portant at the moment, Marisa has also turned to the untouchables. 'I, for one, have become a big fan of homosexuals,' she states, a trifle defiantly. 'I adore them. They are talented, sensitive, refined people who make the best friends. I'd rather go out with a fag than a boring man any day.'" So also would—and does—her friend Loulou de la Falaise, designer St. Laurent's creative assistant and a member of Normandy's petite noblesse. "I've become a fag moll really."

On the Road Again for Jesus



Kicking off his new career as full-time evangelist, the Rev. Troy Perry, pastor of MCC Los Angeles, and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will headline **Spiritual Renewal '73** at MCC New York the weekend of October 13-14. New York is the first stop of Perry's evangelistic roadshow tour of the Northeast U.S., Rome, the Middle East and Israel.

Perry is bringing along his "prancing dancing music director Willie Smith and his white microphone" and Louise Rose, the keyboard artist. Also appearing will be the Rev. Bill Johnson of the United Church of Christ, the first out-of-the-closet gay to be ordained by a major Protestant denomination. Johnson will attend the New York premiere of his film documentary **A Position of Faith**, which details his battle for ordination.

MCC New York pastor Roy Birchard said, "We think there will be some history-making things to bring a genuine New York."

Playing Ball with the Cops

At the conclusion of the gays-vs.-cops baseball game both sides went off in their own directions, cops winning 16-0. Had it been good community relations? Is it possible to play baseball with the guy who arrested you on Christopher Street last week for "soliciting"? On the faces of the men of the Sixth Precinct during the game it became clear that they were out to **win** for more than the usual reasons. Let it not be said that the faggots/dykes were able to put the police to shame on the diamond. Since the game there have been challenges for further games made to GAA from Beame Headquarters (which GAA voted to refuse) and the Tenth Precinct. There are more important games to win.

How did the Mattachine/Sixth Precinct game come to be, anyway?

"We just want the world to know that gays are human beings and that we really care about those retarded kids for whose benefit it was played," Jean DeVente, manager of New York's Gay Baseball Team said several days prior to the game. It was played at the end of the summer at Leroy and Hudson Streets where hundreds converged to watch "the gays" play the "men in blue" in a less than friendly match. Men of the Sixth Precinct are holders of sev-

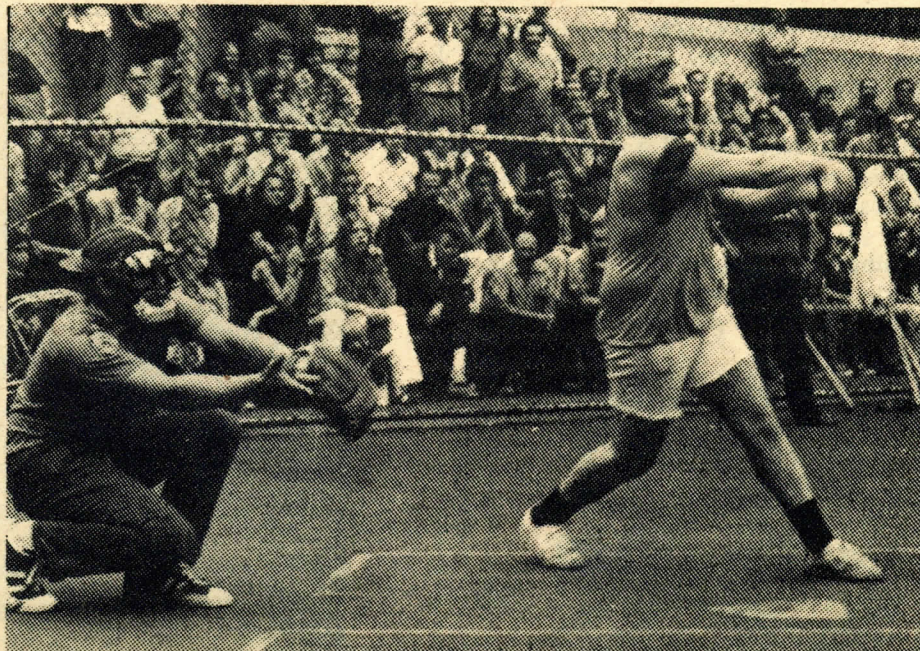


Photo: Pete Dvarackas

OKAY, we lost a game of baseball with the cops, but if the bat were a cock we'd WIN hands down.

eral baseball championships over the years and had challenged New York Mattachine Society to a game to benefit TV newscaster Geraldo Rivera's **One to One Fund** for retarded children of Willowbrook. Cops were cheered as were the gays, whose team needed encouragement after the telltale first two innings.

The victory went, as it usually does, to the policemen, 16-0.

Screams of enthusiasm greeted Geraldo Rivera, who arrived to **ump** the first half of the game. Rivera, a reporter for Channel 7's **Eyewitness News**, came dressed in fetching shorts and tight T-shirt which pleased the gay spectators.

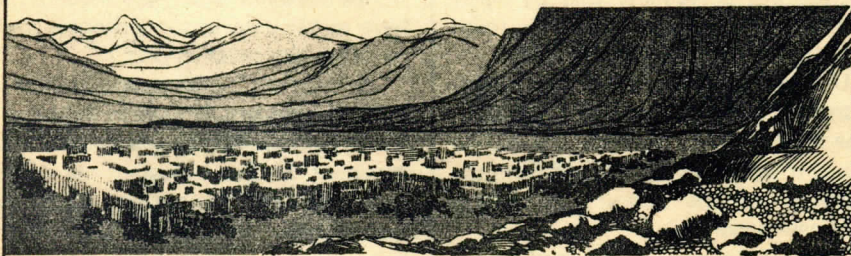
Armed with a team of cameras, Rivera covered the event more favorably than other stations who seemed to expect a freak show. All in all, the gay team put up as good a fight as could be expected. Ms. DeVente had pointed out several times that it was almost impossible to pull together a team in two weeks that would be able to beat a championship team of several years. She was right. The gays were weakest in the batting department, the area in which the cops were able to take their easiest victory.

The crowd, however, didn't give up hoping till it was all over. Several gay hecklers shouted to a cop at bat, "Come on, honey, I haven't got all day. I've got a **roast** in the oven!" Every once in a while the word **pig** could be heard escaping the lips of some angry person in the crowd, but generally the players got more courtesy than one might expect at Shea Stadium. About \$700 was collected for the **One to One Fund** by CSLDC '74 co-chairman Frank Elliot.

Halfway through the game Rivera made his exit waltzing past the gay crowd winking and smiling. Rivera had once said while interviewing Jack and Lige on Channel 13's "VD Blues" special that while he wasn't gay, he was "slightly crooked."—Jeffrey Shaw

Religion and Assholism

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR IN REVEALING GOD'S FEELING TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALITY... LET'S LOOK AT THE CITY OF SODOM... (FROM WHENCE COMES THE WORD, "SODOMY.")



GOD TOLD ABRAHAM THAT HE WAS GOING TO DESTROY SODOM BECAUSE OF ITS GREAT WICKEDNESS. ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW, LOT, LIVED IN SODOM AND HE BEGGED FOR LOT'S SAFETY BEFORE GOD'S JUDGMENT FELL.

Is it possible to be a practicing Christian and a practicing homosexual? According to the publishers of **The Gay Blade** here—and they seem to know their Holy Writ backwards and forwards—the two states of being are as night to day, Eros to Thanatos, Zeus to Pluto, good to bad. Evidently ignorant of some of the more recent archeological discoveries dating from around the first century A.D., manuscripts which suggest that the early Christians themselves were widely regarded as gay by the folks of Alexandria and Rome, the Christians who put out this bit of tripe depict God Himself, faceless and radiant on his cloudy throne, telling a poor homosexual, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels."

It is a very funny brochure indeed,

SOME EXPERTS SAY HOMOSEXUALITY IS A DISEASE, OTHERS BLAME FAMILY PROBLEMS OR HORMONE LEVELS.

I THINK I'D BETTER GO!

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT I'M SICK—AND YOU SHOULD HAVE COMPASSION ON ME!

IT'S LIKE A DEMONIC POWER THAT CONTROLS THEM — ONLY CHRIST CAN OVERCOME IT: IF THEY'LL RECEIVE HIM AS PERSONAL SAVIOR.

unless you want to take it seriously, then it isn't. There are caricatures of David Susskind and Jill Johnston that are not only accurate, but highly flattering. Then a couple pages further on,

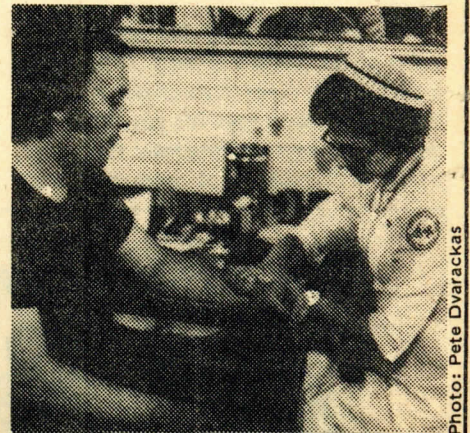
there is a **really** ludicrous panel depicting a couple pith-helmeted archeologists gaping in wild amaze at a newly-unearthed wall-painting in Canaan, holding their eyes and mouths in nausea, choking, "I'm going to vomit!" and "Good Lord, I can't believe my eyes! We can't publish this, it's filthy!" The missionaries on Easter Island said the same thing when they burned the wooden tablets that would have been the Rosetta Stone of the civilization that put up the statues there and in Peru.

Of course Lot's adventures in the Cities of the Plain are cited as proof of the immemorial iniquity of Sodomites. The story, as you'll recall, had two angels of God crashing overnight in Lot's house, and the men of the community gathering outside calling, "Send the two men out that we may **know** them." "Know" presumably meaning "fuck," of course. As this comic-book notes, even when Lot offered the crowd the "knowledge" of his two virgin daughters, they refused and persisted in calling for the Angels.

It was this that has given the Sodomites a reputation for homosexuality that has lasted 3,000 years. Assholes like this Chick Publications outfit (P.O. Box 662, Chino, California 91710, if you want to register your indignation) are always bringing up that Sodom incident to misrepresent gay people. **They** can all go to hell.

Plasma for Victims

Blood drives to aid the victims of the New Orleans Upstairs bar fire disaster continue this month. More than 100 pints of blood were collected from stout gay New York hearts since the tragedy occurred. The Bloodmobile took in 30 pints of blood from GAA members and friends at the Firehouse. The drive is headed by Morty Manford. Much more blood is needed to aid the fire victims,



DONOR offers up corpuscles at Firehouse.

especially when plastic surgery operations begin. Hopefully through continued effort, the demand will be met. According to Manford there will be a re-scheduling of the Bloodmobile around Christmas or New Years at GAA Firehouse. Have **you** given blood yet? Contact Red Cross East at 310 East 67th Street, New York, and designate blood for the New Orleans fire victims.

Photo: Pete Dvarackas

Marketing and Advertising: Big Gay Dollars and How to Get Them

When will the nation's major advertisers—the airlines and purveyors of liquor, cigarettes and men's cosmetics, for example—wake up to the rich market awaiting them in the nation's gay newspapers and magazines?

To the GAY reader, the benefits are greater than might appear at first glance. For, besides the new status, the reaffirmed validity of the gay life-style that the ads' presence would proclaim, there are the bigger issues with more articles by better-paid writers and the more comprehensive news coverage that additional ads can finance.

And the cold fact is that subscription and newsstand income generally pays for postage and distribution costs, maybe the cost of the newsprint, and with luck a little extra. But unless \$2 a copy is charged, the quality and size of the periodical, the frequency of publication, are largely determined by—the rent, salaries and composing costs are paid by—the ad revenue.

Look, Life and other mass-readership magazines were driven out of business, not by loss of readers, but by loss of advertising to television, which is the really first-class mass medium.

The success story in periodicals is being written by specialized magazines serving well-heeled readers' special interests—**Psychology Today**, **Car & Driver**, **Golf Digest**, **Playboy**, **Ebony** and their specialized competitors—753 new ones in the last 10 years alone.

Can GAY, **After Dark**, **QQ**, and the **Advocate** hope to join the trend? Why not?

The magic words are "disposable income," and the gay press can deliver plenty of it. Usually without a family to support and often with two incomes (a lover's or roommate's) per household, the gay reader has disposable income to spare.

The strongest pitch for major advertisers so far is coming from **After Dark**, a slick-paper New York-based monthly that never really says it's gay. It merely devotes its pages so intensely to theatre, ballet and photos of undraped male

torsos that it's no surprise its subscribers are male (97 per cent of them) and single (86 per cent).

After Dark took a full-page ad July 18 in the **New York Times**—the traditional way for magazines to address Madison Avenue. "The **After Dark** man ... you can't reach him in **Playboy**, **Penthouse** or **Oui**," the ad proclaimed coyly, "... knew about Bette Midler a full year before she became a superstar."

Pan Am to Tokyo and Hong Kong.
Any day you want to go.
Either way you want to go.



and dinner included in other hand.
If you have two nights to spend, we'll give you a room at either the International Inn at the airport with breakfast or at the Midland Inn in downtown San Francisco, with continental breakfast, bath and dress and night included in other hand. All for only \$25 based on double occupancy or \$32 single occupancy. Ask for Pan Am Holiday #822.

If you have one night to spend, we'll give you a room at either the International Inn at the airport with breakfast or at the Midland Inn in downtown San Francisco, with continental breakfast, bath and dress and night included in other hand. All for only \$25 based on double occupancy or \$32 single occupancy. Ask for Pan Am Holiday #822.

Our new "Magellan Service" Magellan is a real "Magellan Service" in all areas. It's designed to make you feel at home even when you're over 10,000 miles away.

When you arrive in Tokyo, you'll be met at the airport and taken by private limousine to the Midland Inn International Hotel. There's a \$12 charge each way for the limousine!

At the hotel, you'll be met by the most attentive manager who will show you to your room and at the same time, give you an expert check-out service. So you need have to wait any of all the time you spend in Tokyo, Hong Kong, or Taipei. The cost for "Magellan Service" is \$17.95 for a single and \$25.90 for a double.

Pan Am gives you two different ways to go to Tokyo and Hong Kong every day from New York and other cities. We call our "Magellan Service" because that's exactly what they do. Don't you know. Ask for our guide to our flight services to Tokyo.

The Packer Way
This is the way to go.

After Dark went on to cite a professional sampling of its readers, a market lush enough to make an ad-man's mouth water: its subscribers have an average age of 32.8 years, take 3.4 vacations a year and report a median income of \$18,154.

That compares with a national median of \$11,120, not for bachelors but for a family of four.

QQ and the **Advocate** took readership surveys themselves a couple of years ago with similar findings—average reader around 30 or so, interested in travel, income above the national average for families.

Advertising Age, the trade weekly, devoted an article in August 1972 to the gay market and subtly concluded it was worth going after. But it found ad people weren't sure how to approach it in straight publications like **Esquire** or **Playboy**; that gay ad executives didn't care to bring it up, and that the gay press hadn't thought much about landing Heublein or Braggi ads.

This isn't underwear. It's Dynamite.



All that underwear can be replaced. It's Dynamite! Made for wearing over the best underwear. Dynamite! The new and exciting, it's going to replace on the men's fashion scene like nothing else ever has before! With Dynamite design! Dynamite styling! Dynamite packaging! The first underwear. It's Dynamite! And it's going to make your underwear business boom.



Announcing the best-dressed men in America.

You're looking at a revolution. The most influential men in America are breaking out of their socks—out of their old, blah, boring, one-color, no-style socks. At Interwoven/Esquire Socks, we saw it coming all the way. That's why we make the great fashion socks that are making it happen. In lots of great colors and lengths. All in the first.

Ban-Lon pattern socks ever made. They feel softer and fit better than any sock you've ever worn. That's why we dress the best-dressed men in America. Or anywhere.

Interwoven
ESQUIRE SOCKS

After Dark, circulation 62,000, regularly carries LP record, theatre and concert ads but is regularly told by major ad men to "come back when you reach 100,000," the ad journal reported.

If the gay press needs an experienced, professional Madison Avenue approach and big numbers to bandy about, it can easily take a leaf from the notebook of the nation's 25 largest daily newspapers.

Their ad directors have joined forces, call themselves Newspaper One and have a New York firm representing them to the nation's biggest advertisers. Proctor & Gamble or Evinrude can buy all 25 newspapers or any combination in any part or parts of the country, for saturation, test marketing or regional products (like snowmobiles). They deal only with the national office, not 25 newspapers, and get only one bill at the end of the month, not 25. Beautifully simple, profitable for all.

It costs the newspapers a little extra money, of course, but they regularly charge national advertisers double the local rate, anyway—a premium that ad agencies pay without blinking.

QQ, which claims a circulation larger than **After Dark's**, and GAY and the **Advocate**, both in the 15,000 to 30,000 class, have a number of smaller competi-

tion is not out of reach.

If it happens—if BBDO beats a path to the lavender door—gay readers may have to get used to some changes, some more sophisticated editing.

Jack Baker of Minneapolis tried to persuade Western Airlines to advertise in the gay press when he was student body president at the University of Minnesota. The Los Angeles-based airline had asked Baker to endorse their Youth Fare discount card for sale on the 43,000-student campus, but Baker said he wanted a demonstration that all students, including gays, were welcome to fly Western.

Baker suggested ads in a Los Angeles-based gay biweekly, and Western's ad representative was impressed when Baker showed it to him in June 1972—until he saw the pages of sexually explicit classified ads in the back. That turned him off at once, Baker said later.

Moreover, **QQ**—which carries few ads and charges \$3.00 a copy—insists that its circulation doubled after it started publishing photos of frontal nudes three years ago.

Could national ad revenues persuade **QQ** to change? Could TWA and Seagram's accept frontal nudes facing their ads?

At the rate social attitudes are chang-

Gays from Yesteryear

That's right, that man is pissing and shoving things into the other one's asshole. Perhaps that was considered a great thrill, back in the Fabulous Fifties, from which this photograph sequence dates. We always wondered, as children, how those big brutes in their black leather jackets and the tight blue jeans, ramming around in their souped-up Belvedere convertibles with the wind slapping their greasy forelocks over their eyebrows, would be in bed. It was probably just as well we never found out. As you may be able to see, the wrists of this fist-fucker are none too slender, and they go right up his poor victim's sphincter nearly to the elbow. Let's hope they used Vaseline! Or maybe the



DRIVE RIGHT IN: Fifties fistfucker does.



awful goo those Fifties hoods slicked down their hair with would do just as well . . .

If you have some ancient photographic matter lying around, you can pick up a tenner easy by mailing it to **Gays from the Past**, Four Swords, Inc., P.O. Box 431, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Lutherans, About-Face on Morals Issues

Kansas City, Mo.—a national task force of six gay women and men has been formed to approach the National Council of Churches of Christ, to seek an end to the churches' usually negative stance.

Their demand, and a continuing dialogue with the National Council, were supported by officials of several major Protestant denominations at a Kansas City conference September 11th and 12th.

Members are the Rev. Roy Birchard of Metropolitan Community Church, New York City; Louise Rose of Philadelphia, president of the American Baptist Church Gay Caucus; the Rev. Susan Thornton, Kansas City; John Preston of Minneapolis, founder of the Minnesota Council for the Church and the Homophile; the Rev. Rodger Harrison, pastor of MCC in Costa Mesa, Calif.; and the Rev. Bill Johnson of San Francisco, director of the Council for the Church and the Homosexual.

They were to approach the National Council's governing board at its meeting in New York October 12th.

Washington, D.C.—A Lutheran church agency, a presidential commission and the American Bar Association have all called for the repeal of victimless crimes, including private sexual acts between consenting adults.

The Commission on Church and Society of the American Lutheran Church, based in Minneapolis, said prostitution, gambling, drunkenness and drug addic-



LUTHERANS say this stuff's okay!

tion should also be legalized.

They may affront community moral standards, the nine-member board said in a September study paper to the church's 2.8 million members, but the offenders don't benefit from jail terms.

The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals reported August 9th that gambling, marijuana use, pornography and prostitution should be legalized, too. Attorney General Elliot Richardson said that the Nixon Administration neither endorses nor opposes the report, which he called "important."

The bar association, at its Washington convention the same week, also said marijuana possession and casual distribution of small amounts, as well as private adult sex, should be made legal, in an effort to unclog the court system and concentrate police activities on crimes where people are actually hurt.

Sexual activity between consenting adults of the same sex has been legalized in eight states, and several others are considering repeal.

Thrills & Outrages



Photo: Eric Stephen Jacobs

If YOU were the Pointer Sisters, and YOU had a 40s act, YOU'D play at Roseland, too.

Not since Bette Midler has there been such excitement over a performance in New York, and of all places at Roseland, where the usual thrill-seeking housewives were replaced by wall-to-wall screaming, gnashing, fainting, applauding people attired as if for a 40s dream. The Pointer Sisters, four daughters of a minister, trucked out one by one costumed in furs and hats, scattin into microphones, and did an act that has paralyzed the West Coast and which New York was hearing for the first time!

The current unisex clothing trends are making the definition of men's and women's clothing impossible, right? So Chicago Circuit Court Judge Jack Sperlin has declared unconstitutional a 1943 city ordinance forbidding men to dress as women. "What a person wishes to wear is a matter of individual rights," he said in dismissing charges against four men who appeared in court wearing dresses. Good news for Windy City drag queens.

A San Francisco gay activist, 34-year-old Dick Gayer (can that name be real?), is seeking a court injunction against the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, which snubbed his request for personalized auto license plates reading "GAY LIB" which the agency found "offensive to good taste and decency and belonging in the same category as a request for 'E Z LAY' on a license plate."

What's in a blowjob, asks Buffalo N.Y.'s **Fifth Freedom** newsletter, a possible arrest, **that's** what. The vice squad in that city has been entraping gays at LaSalle (Front) Park and in one instance a vice cop offered to be lookout for another cop who allowed a gay to suck off his pud in the bushes. After they were finished, the cop flashed a badge, and you guessed it, took him down to the station house.

Flash freaks are determined to make a big spectacle at Bette Midler's opening at the Palace in New York the first week of December. One notorious flasher told GAY, "We're going to be there in full force to flash Bette from the boxes. I'm going to wear a mink coat and a cock ring, nothing more." You gotta have friends . . .

One of the least publicized zaps of the year occurred when a hardy band of activists freed Marsha Johnson, a black transvestite, from a psychiatric observation facility where she was being held. Marsha, a warm and likeable person, was arrested by police at 4:30 a.m. in the middle of Houston Street for trying to "pull the moon to the earth."

Three male lesbians dressed as women charged recently that real lesbians were women who were into women and weren't interested in lesbians with a cock. Male lesbians are men who think of themselves as women but who are also sexually attracted to women.

All You Ever Wanted to Know About S&M, and Then Some

What the straight press labels "sadistic" or "sadism" is quite different from what those involved in the gay and straight S&M scene consider real sado-masochism.

The recent sex-slayings by so-called "sadistic" homosexuals reported in the press sent Randy Wicker running to his files for notes he had taken during several seminars and discussions of S&M by those intimately involved.

First, there were several meetings of the **Eulenspiegel Society** which meets every Sunday at 6p.m. at the Mattachine Society, Inc. of N.Y., 59 Christopher Street at Sheridan Square.

Eulenspiegel could be best described as the Sado-masochist Liberation Front. It is a completely integrated group, about half straight, half gay. Men outnumber the women by about 5 to 1 but when one considers half the membership is gay, the odds become more balanced.

The credo of Eulenspiegel is S&M game playing and sexual activity which does **not** violate the rights of others. Indeed, most S&M sex, straight or gay, appears to be a stylized form of role playing.

Contrary to what one would think, the S&M scene suffers from an overabundance of masochists and an acute shortage of sadists. This is particularly true of the straight S&M scene, attributed by members of Eulenspiegel to the socialization of women in this society to be passive and dependent instead of assertive, demanding and dominant.

"I liked to be slapped around playfully," one young man related during a Eulenspiegel meeting. "One day a girl pulled my hair and I really got a kick out of it."

"I'm a sadist," another added. "I'm into heavy pain and blood."

"Me?" a third ventured. "I'm into being used and abused with imagination and wit."

"People think there's no love in S&M," another elaborated, "but there is a lot of love. When I'm with an M, no matter how violent I am, causing him pain and tears, I have concern for him, for his delight in his pain."

"Can you be a sadist without being mean?" someone asked.

"Yes," a sadist replied, "by forcing a person to do right."

Most of those at Eulenspiegel talk of fantasies and desires which involve a willing submissive or dominant partner. Many are simple desires—to have a woman shit on your face; to be told to appear precisely at a certain time for dinner and be given one slash for every minute early or late you arrive; to be smeared with lipstick and ordered about by a transvestite; to be verbally abused

endless. One discovers Kraft-Ebbing is still alive and well when one visits a meeting of Eulenspiegel.

Being at Eulenspiegel, one finds his attitudes toward S&M undergoing a radical change. The stories are touching; the agonies of men who have lived for years with guilt and frustration because they were afraid to confess to their wives or male lovers they wanted to be ordered about or humiliated.

Wicker went to Eulenspiegel expecting to be repelled and offended. To the contrary, he was very impressed. "Because the conversations were stimulating, I returned on two or three occasions until one discussion on 'dirty sex' became so repulsive I could take no more," Wicker said.

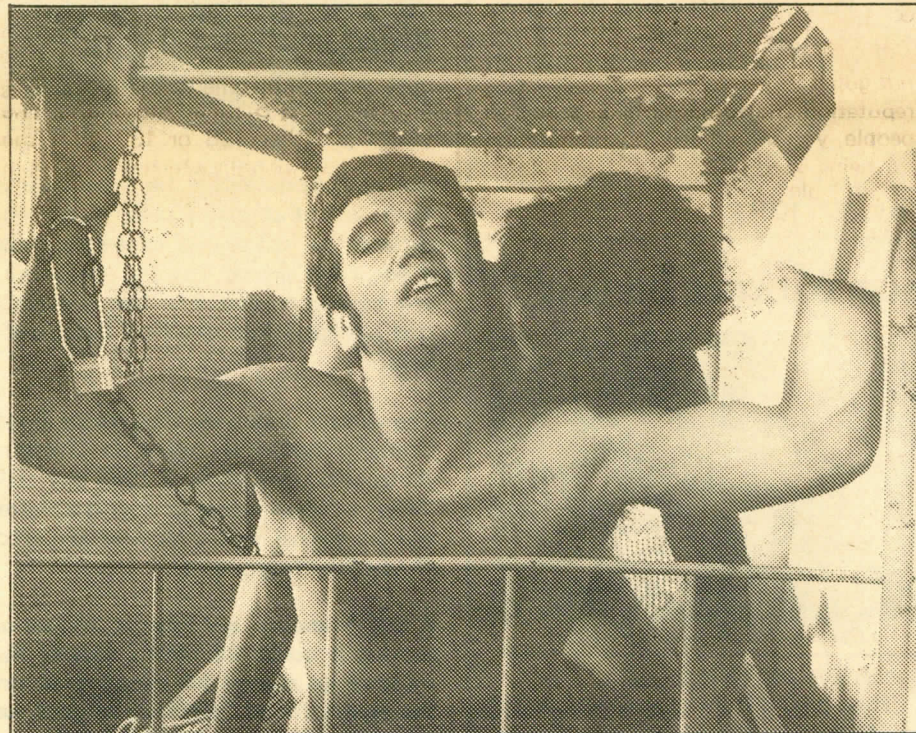
"Sitting for an hour hearing people talk of the joys of eating shit, smelling shit, having someone kneel and drink their piss as they sit on a commode and

Eagle's Nest, Spike, and other so-called S&M bars were actually into sexual sadism or masochism. Most of the patrons of those bars, all agreed, were attracted by the "macho atmosphere" of the leather bars.

By Fisher's definition of sado-masochism, two things must be involved: (1) consent by both parties into it and (2) the production of pleasure for both parties.

"**Everything** out of the ordinary is labeled S&M," one panelist complained. "Toys, dildos, cock rings. The fact is that if authority and power relationships are studied in S&M, a lot of valuable discoveries will come out of it."

One man complained that he was "rejected" at the Eagle's Nest and made to pay 75¢ instead of 50¢ for a beer although "bondage, domination and submission are part of my personality. But I don't like wearing **leather**."



DO NOT BE CONFUSED! This pair is about as much into bondage as any two low-paid models.

then lick their ass clean after they have finished crapping offended even my not-so-dainty esthetics," he added.

At a recent S&M panel at the **East Side Gay Organization**, about six gay S&M's participated, including Peter Fisher and Marc Rubin.

"I object to horrible sex murders and the like being called 'sadistic' by the press," Fisher declared, then proceeded to criticize most of the gay movement for being silent on the questions raised by S&M.

"Just about everybody has sexual fantasies and some of these include things like power that are acted out in an S&M sexual scene. Some people sublimate and take the same inclinations out in

someone who admits sadism. In regular sex, someone can flip out on an S&M fantasy and really mess you up. Novice M's feel guilty about being masochistic and they take it out on me. Genuine S&M experience is only possible if the person has S&M tendencies."

"You shouldn't have S&M sex with someone who you don't have enough communication with to make him stop when you really want him to stop," someone interjected.

"There's no law on consensual assault," Fisher noted. "If they agreed to an S&M scene and later decided they wanted to say they were victims, they can bring charges."

"A panic situation arises in an M when he's strung up and all. When the M freaks out, the S should take him in his arms and make him feel secure again," someone suggested.

One man told of answering an S&M ad in a San Francisco paper. Being a novice S, he thought he was supposed to hit the person as hard as possible. He did so, the person blacked out and the novice "S" panicked.

"In S&M, as in everything else," a listener commented, "you have Orthodox, Conservative and Reformed."

Several weeks later, the **West Side Discussion Group** had a panel of S&M fanciers. The tone set by the WSDG panel was not so moderate as that at EGO and Eulenspiegel. In fact, it was terrifying.

"I'm into a blood scene," Sidney Wander, one of the participants, volunteered. "You have to know what you're doing or don't get into it. Whips, clamps, shoving a dildo up someone's ass and then sewing it shut. That's **groovy!**"

"I had a scene with you seven or eight years ago. You came on so heavy, you scared me off for years," a listener declared.

"I'm into drugs—pot, acid, poppers. Poppers are very common in the S&M set. Sado-masochists have to want S&M and feel it. It's a strong feeling."

"I would respect a novice's limits," another panelist interjected. "Getting too heavy at first can turn them off. You can destroy someone so far as going into it more."

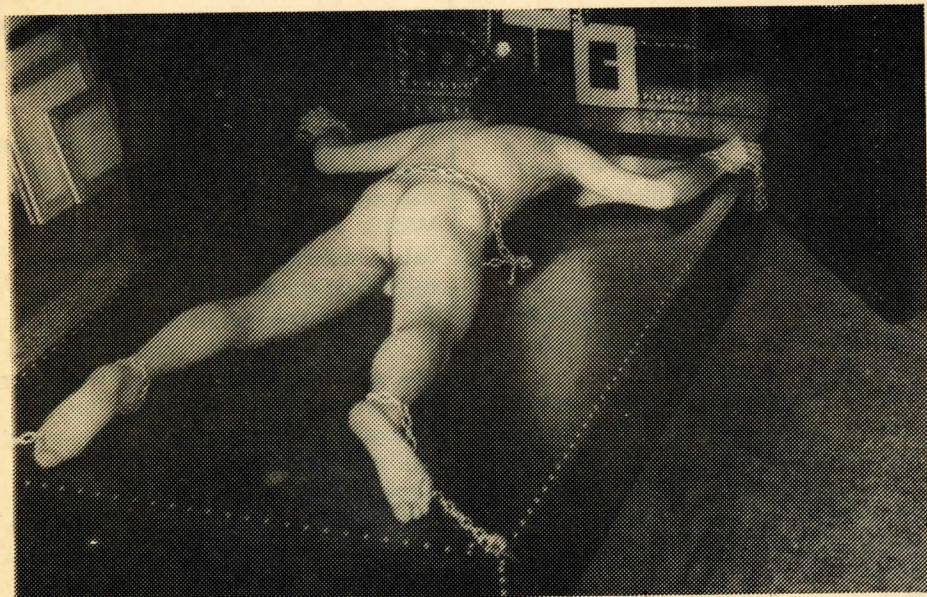
"Fist-fucking is in. But you have to be very careful as to who you seek out to have fist-fuck you. It's a lot more dangerous than other things," another panelist commenced.

"Try to get a recommendation through a friend. Talk first. Get an understanding and agreement with them. If they're going to shackle you and restrain you right off, I'd beware. You don't restrain a neophyte right off, you do it toward the end."

The panelists differed on whether most S&Mers switched roles from time to time. Most, however, thought that in every personality if one component was there, so was the other.

"There's a vast difference between S&M in a love relationship where they won't harm one another," one masochist volunteered, "and one-night stands where they might really harm one another. There are people who are into pain, being burned or having blood drawn."

"I'm an M and a sadist's reputation is very important to him," another man ventured. "I've met various S's on recommendation of other people and no S ever exceeded the limits placed by the



Here, however, is the REAL McCOY, a bondage board complete with quivering buttocks.

"Only five per cent of the people in a crowded leather bar are into heavy S&M," another observed. "30 per cent more dabble in it. The rest are into leather fetishism or just like the butch milieu. I even know a couple of guys who don't like to do anything but go home with someone in leather and stand with them in front of a mirror just looking at each other."

"Getting back to fist-fucking," another interjected. "The purpose is to see how far you can penetrate into their asshole. Some you can go almost up to your armpit."

"Then some are more into size. Getting both hands in is their interest. Fist Fuckers of America, FFA, has chapters all over the country."

"A person has to be terribly relaxed for fist-fucking. Once you're in, it's time for fun and games inside like opening and closing the hands."

"You should take some precautions. First, wash both hands thoroughly. Make sure your nails are clipped. And don't leave on any rings."

"Get stoned and hot," the fist-fucker continued. "Be sure about not having any rings on. A ring up the ass can be painful. Take your hands out from time to time to check bleeding. Some small capillaries break as a rule. Check to make sure the bleeding isn't getting too profuse."

All the panelists agreed that a lot of people were into a "master-slave" scene alone without the S&M aspect becoming physical later.

"But, on the other hand," one pointed out, "a sadist mustn't get down to the nitty gritty without at least going through some master-slave preliminaries."

"A number in Philadelphia made me polish his boots and lick them clean with my tongue," one man in the audience announced with obvious pride. "If I did a good job, I'd be rewarded with sex. If not, I'd be beaten."

The panelist once again disagreed on whether most people switched roles. At least one panelist, a squinty-eyed redhead named Bill, insisted he was **only** sadistic.

"A person has a component of S&M in him, but one is more dominant," the redhead insisted. "A person should develop his abilities and potentials."

"It would not be out of place to compare S&M to a sport but a serious sport. By switching around a lot, you're not going to get very far. If you want a reputation and to have friends send you people, you should develop a reputation for being good at one particular thing."

"In Eulenspiegel, we talk a lot about reciprocal fantasies. For every dominant fantasy, there is a submissive one," a bisexual woman in the audience asserted. "We believe in real reciprocity."

"Experienced masochists are inclined to assert themselves very much and take over a situation," the redhead responded. "They have cultivated tastes and preferences. Conversation should be kept at a minimum for the S to stay in control."

"What I do may give him no enjoyment. I'm not there to give him enjoyment. He's there to give me enjoyment!"

Another listener suggested that an M would usually control an S psychologically and emotionally in a sexual relationship, especially if "love was involved."

"What's a heavy scene?" someone else asked.

"I don't consider whipping a heavy scene," one panelist volunteered. "I consider **cutting**, razor blades or branding irons a heavy scene."

"You'll never understand it till you do it," one of the others added. "If you think you're into it, do it."

Somewhere there is a link between certain types of S&M fantasies as described by **some** of those quoted in this article and the vicious mentality of slayers of young boys like Brust and Corll.

But for the overwhelming majority of those involved in S&M sexual activity, such bizarre slayings bear no more relevance than the thrill killing of a youngster by Leopold and Loeb in the 1930's did for the "average" homosexual."

Homos in History-- Tight-Cheeked Godlet of Alexandria

Now hold on! Before you become so inflamed by viewing the noble Grecian posteriors of the youth here portrayed in solemn effigy that you commit an act of self-pollution thereupon, be aware that by doing so you would be defiling a holy relic! To plop a load of hot gay come on this youngster's photograph would be effectively as desecratory as using a length of the True Cross as an anal dildo: for this kid was worshipped as God on Earth in ancient Greece and Egypt.

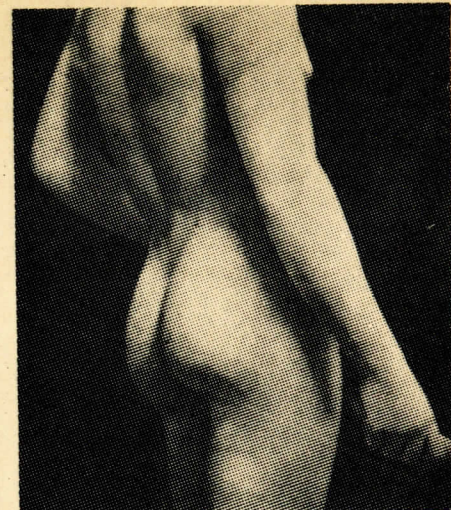
As teen-age gods go, you've got to admit he has the edge in comeliness on the Guru Maharaj Ji, not so? His name in life was Antinous, and he was the consort of the Roman Emperor Hadrian in the early second century; in death his name was Osiris in Egypt and Dionysus in Greece, and he was the consort respectively to the goddesses Isis and Aphrodite. His immolation and deification took place when he was no more than 20 years old, at the ancient Necropolis upstream of the Nile where it branches into the great Delta at Alexandria. The year was either 128 or 130 A.D., the city of Antinoopolis which was raised in his honor after his death by a bereaved Hadrian flourished for hundreds of years; the mummies of priests dedicated to the worship of Antinous/Osiris are still being dug out of its ruins. And in Greece, an ancient mystery play called **The Passion of Antinous** may still be being performed by underground cult-worshippers.

See what a nice pair of buns got **this** cute little hunk of trade? Details are sketchy, but it seems that the boy Antinous first came to the attention of the Emperor Hadrian around A.D. 124, when his highness was visiting Claudiopolis, Antinous' home town in Bithynia, Greece. The historian Sextus Aurelius Victor mentions that the Emperor enjoyed a long stay at Claudiopolis, where, "It was said that he had had sexual connexion with youths, and had been ardently devoted to Antinous."

Subsequently Antinous travelled all over the Empire with Hadrian, from the northernmost Legion outposts of the Rhine in Germany to Asia Minor, where he seems to have sat through a war between the Romans and the Sassanid satrapy without quite knowing what was going on around him. Hadrian apparently kept him well occupied: the Emperor was enjoying a rather vigorous middle age at the time, and kept any number of charming adolescent male concubines around for the amusement of himself and his chosen Antinous. They spent little time in Rome itself, perhaps partly because, according to Marguerite Yourcenar, Hadrian had a former teen-age lover in that city, one Diodorus; this youth, maintained in lavish style by the Roman court even in the Emperor's absence, was said to be

addicted to any number of unmentionable and painful abnormalities inflicted on his lessers in Hadrian's harem, the rumors of which have come down to us through the ages sadly unaccompanied by details.

How Antinous achieved immortality, though, was in the highest mythical tradition. It seems that as Hadrian grew older, and his control over the Empire strengthened until the only thing that could threaten its stability would be his death, he grew preoccupied with vague mystical cults, and the search for personal longevity. Now, at this time Alexandria, the Roman capital of Egypt, was a veritable zoo of bizarre new religions on the rise, old cults on their way out of fashion, and timeless faiths that were always practiced and always will be. Christianity was just getting started, and picking up a bad name as a cult that practiced ritual food-and-wine orgies with definite homosexual elements attached; St. Clement was shortly to clean up the act before it got too far out of line, though.



Perhaps it was one of the original Egyptian mystery cults, celebrating the eternal cycle of death and rebirth with a special lewd and morbid emphasis on death. "Hadrian," says Sextus Aurelius, "had wished to prolong his own life, and had been asked for a substitute who was willing to die for him; all others refused, but Antinous gave himself up." This he evidently did without prior knowledge of the Emperor; when his body was found on the bank of the Nile, unblemished—death by poison, evidently—the Emperor certainly betrayed a spontaneous and hysterical grief.

In any case, the tight-cheeked youngster was worshipped seriously for hundreds of years in Greece and Egypt, and who knows, may still have a few mystic masses read over him once in a while. So if you want to jerk off over this picture, mind that you do it in a properly reverent attitude of self-sacrifice. And just imagine what it must have been like, floating down the Nile in a gaily-caparisoned barge, with this plump little Godlet between your Imperial knees . . .

To Trim or
Not to Trim?

The Pleasures and Perils of Uncircum- cised Cocks

How do people who love cocks feel about the unclipped vs. the clipped variety? Are penises only beautiful when you can see the head shorn of foreskin or does the untrimmed variety reflect true beauty? To contribute to this prickly debate we assembled a group of guys all intimately involved with cocks. They include Marc, a 30-year-old musician; Steve, a portrait photographer in his 20s; Gil, a singer, Boyd, a bookkeeper, both in their 20s, plus Randy and Leo, who are writers.

GAY: Nature gave us foreskins; yet for a variety of reasons, many of us have been clipped. So the question is: Trimmed or untrimmed, what is your preference and why?

MARC: There are beautiful trimmed cocks and there are beautiful untrimmed cocks and there are ugly trimmed and untrimmed cocks. Of the beautiful kind, I would prefer untrimmed. I also have an untrimmed cock. For most of my life I thought I was gay because I was untrimmed. This is when I was very little. I'm a real victim of Dr. Benjamin Spock's theory. He said circumcision made a boy feel regular and this makes a lot of sense because I always felt very irregular until I went to Europe where most men are not trimmed. Until then I felt that I was on the outside. I had a lover for many years who didn't like untrimmed meat and I don't know how we managed so long since he blew me only once in the whole relationship. He wanted me to get circumcised but I refused.

GAY: Why?

MARC: Well, I asked my doctor and he

said that at my age I would lose sensitivity, that men having reached maturity can lose sensitivity in the head of the penis if they submit to being circumcised. However, I guess that if I were given the choice between a trimmed and an untrimmed cock, I would have to prefer untrimmed because there is that silly little millimeter more to it and you know, the bigger the better.

GAY: Have you ever met anyone who rejected you sexually because of your lack of circumcision?

MARC: No. However, I tend to worry about a person who is not circumcised when his foreskin doesn't pull back. I wonder then what I'm going to find underneath.

GAY: What are the problems?

MARC: An erect untrimmed cock should look the same as a trimmed one if everything is working properly.

STEVE: When an untrimmed cock is erect you can still get the skin to come up

over the head. However, I know a guy, 26 years old and untrimmed. When he got an erection, the hole in the foreskin was so small he could not get the head to fit through, and he was actually in pain if he were to get an erection when the head was out.

MARC: That's called **phimosis**.

GIL: I had a lover who similarly experienced pain connected with his penis. It got to the point that he only could find gratification in getting fucked because to fuck was too painful for him. Twice I got him to fuck me and twice he suffered throughout. I tried to blow him once and he just wouldn't have it.

GAY: Did you want to?

GIL: Actually I **did** but that was because of the relationship and not because of his untrimmed cock. In truth, I did find it uncomfortable because the foreskin just would **not** go back. This, however, was what I would call an unusual case because I think that the majority of untrimmed cocks are in good working condition, based on my sex involvement with hundreds of Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico, most of whom were uncircumcised. There was very seldom a **problem**.

MARC: I think that untrimmed meat offers more advantages than problems. For instance, if you're being fucked by an untrimmed cock, the walls of your rectum don't get as **battered** as they do when you are being fucked by a trimmed one.

STEVE: I think the battering is the most fun. When you are being fucked by an untrimmed cock, you can't feel the head

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of the cock going in and out as well as you can with a trimmed one.

GAY: Does negative conditioning to uncircumcised cocks influence our responses to them?

GIL: In Puerto Rico, where I lived, practically everybody is uncircumcised; yet, despite the lack of circumcision, when you see these cocks erect you cannot tell whether or not they are circumcised because the whole thing is retractable and they look quite like any other cock. People who are not experienced with uncircumcised members seem to have the idea that there is some awful hanging thing at all times and that is not true. An uncircumcised cock can be just as pleasant to see as the other type.

GAY: Then our conditioning as circumcised Americans attracts us to tools similar to our own?

STEVE: That's like asking about a society where one is taught from childhood that flowers are ugly and a pile of shit is beautiful. How can you know?

LEO: I am, thank God, a Jew. My penis is circumcised and so are those of all my friends, if I have anything to say about it. I think uncircumcised penises look like earthworms.

GAY: How did you get to that state of mind?

LEO: It isn't a state of mind. The moment I saw them I found them unnatural. I realize that there is a contradiction somewhere but I can't explain it. I know that the Almighty has placed in me a deep revulsion towards uncircumcised cocks.

GAY: If you were to find a gorgeous person with whom you wanted to have a relationship, what would you do? Would you demand that he become circumcised?

LEO: No. I must admit that there is some balance and that I have set aside my prejudices on certain occasions. After all, the first thing you see about a person is really his face, and I think it's the circumcised heart which I'm really after.

BOYD: The doctor who delivered me was either drunk or neurotic and he gave me an extra suture in my foreskin. Circumcised cocks are more what I'm used to. There are more of them around. I grew up with a circumcised cock myself so I can identify with them more.

GIL: When I first went to Puerto Rico I found it the other way around. It was very exotic to see all these uncircumcised boys around because I hadn't been exposed to that previously.

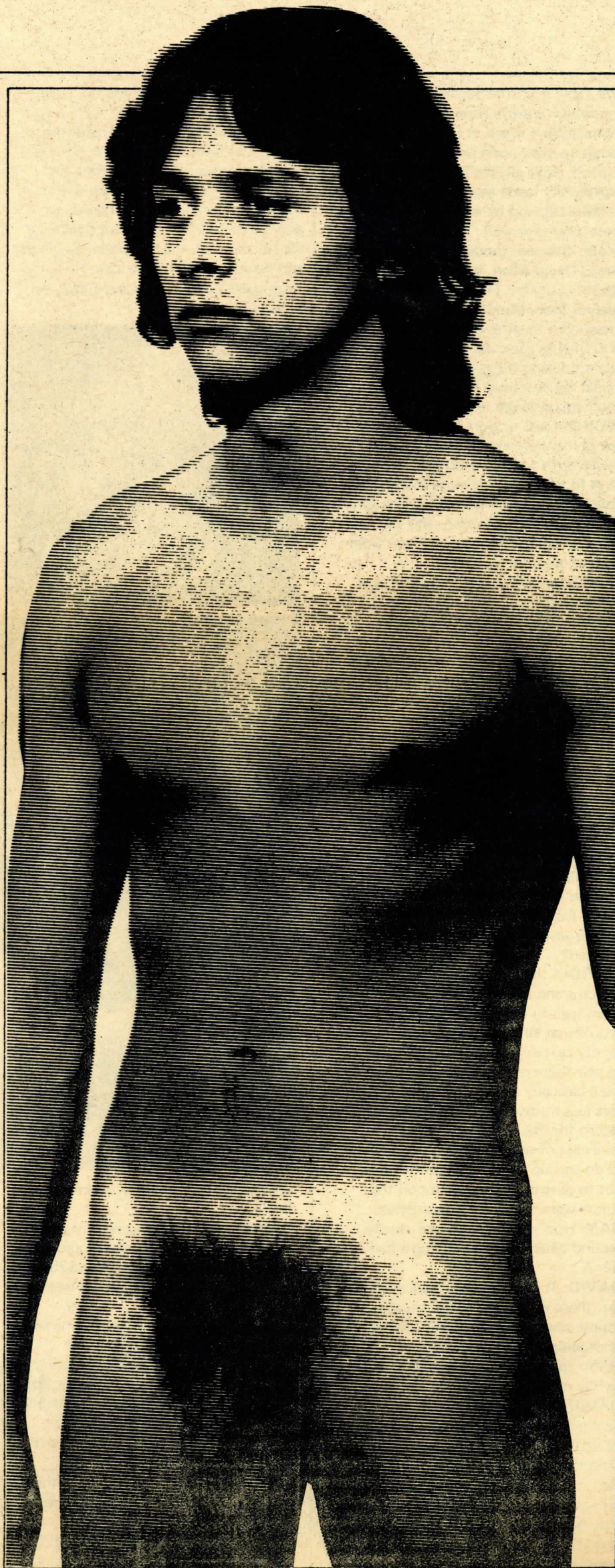
STEVE: I was born without a foreskin. They say my birth was like one in a million.

GIL: A Japanese friend of mine claims Orientals experience a natural circumcision as they reach puberty. The skin just assimilates into the shaft itself and you have natural circumcision.

STEVE: When it comes right down to it, if I'm going to have a hot dick up my ass I really don't care if it's cut or uncut.

LEO: Yeah. But when it's staring you in the face, I'm sure you don't want to have to chew on all that extra noodle.

RANDY: There are some things we've



not covered so far, like the fact that the incidence of cancer of the penis is 500 per cent higher in people who are not circumcised. This is why medical doctors usually push the family towards circumcision. Doctors and clergymen take the circumcision decision more frequently than parents.

Another thing we have not mentioned is that uncircumcised cocks can be extremely ugly even when the skin does pull back. They look like a dog's pester because they are red and ugly and have a different wet texture which I find repugnant. A lot of foreskins that pull back reveal a bright red head. And while it is true that with a foreskin, a cock does not rub as much on the rectum when ass-fucking, that can be both a plus and a minus. If you're with someone who has a great deal of difficulty getting fucked, you can probably enjoy being fucked even by a bigger cock that has a foreskin because the cock moves within its own shaft, making it easier. If you are used to getting fucked, you may feel frustrated without the friction of an uncircumcised joint.

GAY: You are very opinionated about a cock's visual aspects.

RANDY: Visually, circumcised cocks have much more character. Some have mushroomed heads while others have small heads with a thicker base and it seems to me that an uncircumcised cock is an uncircumcised cock, to paraphrase Gertrude Stein. When you get into circumcision, it adds a great deal to the quality. I really prefer circumcised cocks; yet there are some cocks in that category which don't turn me on. Other people become ecstatic if they find someone with a big mushroom head. Although I prefer circumcision, I don't mind uncut cocks if they pull back and look the same as the other variety and are not big and red and slimy. As far as sensitivity goes, for most people the problem is coming too soon and extra sensitivity in the cock is probably a disadvantage. Then we must consider smells.

MARC: There are degrees of smells I guess. I go to bed only with clean people so it's hard to say.

GIL: I don't think uncircumcision has anything to do with cock smell; rather, it's the hygiene habits of the individual. If a foreskin rolls back, there is no excuse for not keeping the entire member clean.

MARC: I know people who are uncircumcised and are dirtier than the cheesiest loaf in the Navy.

RANDY: You have a much greater chance of getting and carrying venereal disease if you have an uncircumcised cock. And you do get head cheese odor. The fact is that bacteria get under the head and even if you wash every half hour, when you have skin on skin there is more chance for bacteria to collect under the foreskin. It's also quite possible that there may even be more of a chance of fungus growth in uncircumcised organs. Many doctors have told me that it's definitely more hygienic to be circumcised and doctor knows best.

An Interview with David Allen Lights! Camera! Hardon! in the Second Story Window

BY RANDY WICKER

The Light from the Second Story Window is a unique contribution to American cinemabilia. I mean, it may not make you cough up your popcorn in amazement but it is, after all, the longest and most expensively made gay adventure ever set to celluloid, and by some estimations the most boring as well. The visionary who wrote, directed, produced and stars in the film is David Allen, interviewed below.

GAY: Your film *The Light from the Second Story Window* is currently showing at theatres all over the country. It's billed as the most expensive gay film ever made and it has received sharply mixed reviews from critics. How did you happen to get into movie making?

DAVID: I was a court reporter and that got to me mentally, so I became involved with a Hollywood production of *Boys in the Band* as a stage manager and understudy for the role of Emory. One night I went on, was seen, and was asked to be in a fuck movie *Deep Compassion*, about a blind boy.

GAY: What effect did being in a porn movie have on your life? Did you get recognized and did people react to you differently?

DAVID: In general, the reactions were rather good; there were no derogatory remarks. It increased the amount of "fanmail" and the number of propositions. People wouldn't come on strong but they came on. I found, however, that after *this* movie, my sexual appetite waned greatly. When I was getting fucked before the camera, I just took a drink and a tranquilizer and lay back and got screwed. The screwing gives me no thrill and I generally don't get aroused making these movies.

GAY: Do you suppose that most of the people who make these movies do get aroused?

DAVID: I think that depends on the director and how comfortable he makes them feel. In my movie there was no problem at all for anyone except me. I let my cast drink on the set and I tried to pair them off with people who they were basically attracted to. Many directors just throw them together without regard for this. I let the camera man take care of technical aspects. I told him to do certain things very gently so as not to destroy the sexual mood the actors were creating for themselves.

GAY: How many people are usually around when you're shooting a fuck film?

DAVID: It was almost always a closed set: there was the cameraman, the sound man and his assistant, the still photographer and the actors.

GAY: How did you evolve from being porno star to porno producer?

DAVID: I'm displeased with the mediocre quality of most porno films and, while I don't think mine accomplished everything, it was a step forward getting into story concepts. Most films are done

money for the first one you do. *Deep Compassion* took two and half days. In contrast *Light* took months to shoot. The budget is normally \$6,000 for those ground-out hour-and-a-half movies. The people who make the most money on the films are the producer and the distributor. So, I approached a distributor with the screenplay for *Light* and asked if he liked the idea. He did, so from there I just started paying all the bills.



GAY: Did you have any backers for this film?

DAVID: No. It was my own money from savings which I had accumulated. The budget came to probably \$25,000. The distributor had told me it wouldn't go over \$10,000.

GAY: Why did your film become so expensive?

DAVID: This may sound pretentious but I intended this film to be the *Gone With the Wind* of gay movies. The original version was three hours long.

GAY: Of the \$6,000 films, what percentage makes money?

DAVID: On that kind of budget they all

difficult to get any kind of real money out of porno films. Of the producers you know who do this kind of work, how many of actually prospering?

DAVID: The people who make Hand-In-Hand Films (they did *Erotikus*) seem to be doing well. As I understand it they basically do their own distributing too. That's too much work for me, I'd rather pay the percentage to the distributor.

GAY: What respective percentage do the producer, distributor, and the show people get in a porn movie?

DAVID: The theatre gets 50 per cent, the distributor gets 50 per cent, and then the producer and the distributor share 50-50.

GAY: This means that for you to make any money you have to gross about \$100,000?

DAVID: That's really nothing at all. The Park-Miller in New York alone takes in an average of 7,000 people a week. If the film plays for four weeks at \$5 a head and there are 7,000 people a week in attendance you come up with a fairly decent figure.

GAY: Is the Park-Miller the biggest theatre of its kind in the country?

DAVID: It's the biggest one in New York.

GAY: I heard some filmmakers have to sue theatres for money they were holding back, giving inaccurate accounts of how many people saw the film. What do you think of this problem?

DAVID: This happens when people try to distribute their own films. When you have a distributor he has his own little kingdom of heaven and he takes care of these problems.

GAY: Do you know of any producers who have gone through the distributors

America's First Protest Movement Gay Zap 1624

BY DICK LEITSCH

If you thought that the gay liberation struggle is a relatively modern phenomenon in America, then this story on homosexuals in colonial times will be particularly illuminating. Not only was the first gay protest dated 1624—about 350 years ago—but it may also have been the first protest of any kind in the colonies.

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Less than a month before the 1964 presidential elections, the press revealed that a top White House aide to President Johnson had been arrested on a morals charge in a Washington men's room. Richard M. Nixon, speaking at Fort Wayne, Indiana, said that America "will not stand for immorality in the White House" and called upon Johnson to go on television to explain why his "closest associates" had turned out to be "bad apples." Obviously, said Mr. Nixon, "President Johnson's ability to choose men is poor." The people, he continued, "will not stand for immorality in the White House, because if it is allowed to carry on there, it will be carried on down the line."

The former Vice President, like his current critics, was engaging in the oldest American sport: governor-baiting. The French feel that if they let the government alone, it won't bother them. The English,

as Shaw observed, always feel perfectly free to do anything the government and public opinion allow. The Russians will always be serfs, grovelling before a czar, be he a Romanoff or a Bolshevik. Only in America do the government and the governors have the status of the bears Elizabethans so dearly loved to tease and harass.

In colonial days, Royal Governors were fair game. Their authority was constantly questioned, their efforts to collect taxes thwarted; some were flung into prison, and worse, by their subjects. Washington was maligned, Jefferson slandered, and Lincoln was treated worse by the New York papers than even Nixon is. Everyone in America, especially members of the Establishment, are anti-Establishment. That's the **American way**.

This whole tradition began 350 years ago, when the English sodomy law was first enforced in the colonies and little Jamestown was rocked by a **gay** protest.



It would be an exaggeration to claim that the oldest English colony in North America was a homosexual community, but there were no white women there in the early days, and Indian maidens were off-limits because the natives had adopted a genocidal policy toward the whites. The virile, mostly young, men and boys had but three choices when hit by an attack of horniness: they could take a plunge in the cold waters of the James River, they could masturbate, or they could turn to the man in the next bunk. Jamestown was not a homosexual community, but it was as homosocial, as conducive to homosexuality, as any navy, prison, or sexually segregated boarding school ever was.

In the beginning Jamestown had been a labor camp, operated as a commune by the Virginia Company, an organization of private investors in London. The communal system didn't work, and the men enjoyed too much freedom. In 1618 the Company instituted a series of reforms which included switching to a capitalistic system and introducing a heterosexual revolution. The men had to be tied down or, as one Company official put it, "**wedded to the soil**." Bachelors were still welcome in Virginia, but the Company preferred married settlers who would take their families along. Those already in Virginia were urged to send for their wives and children, if they had any. To tempt the single men, the Company obligingly turned pimp, kidnapping young women in England and shipping them over.

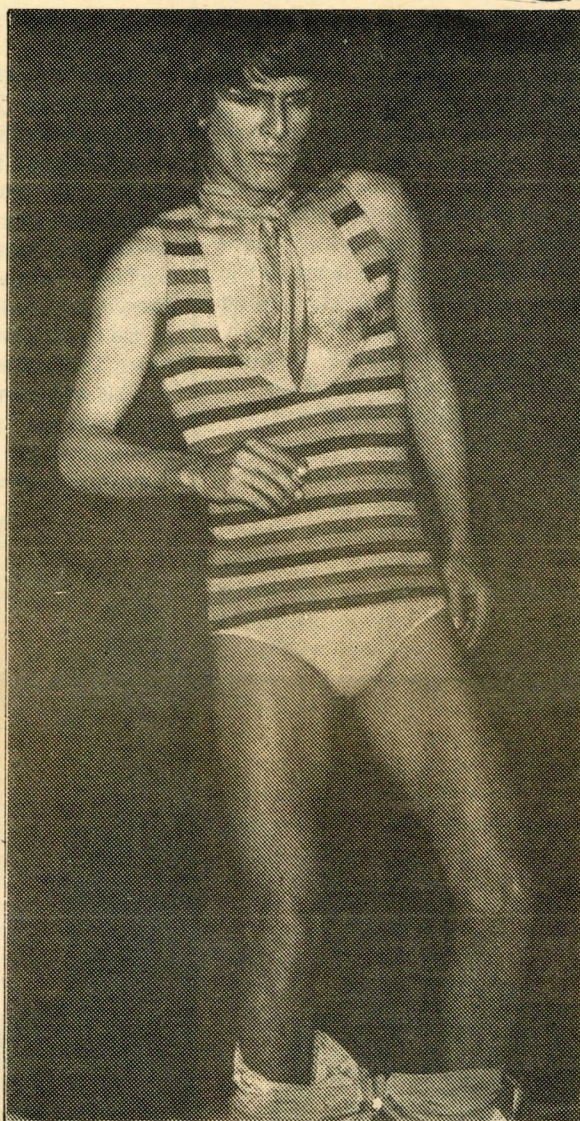
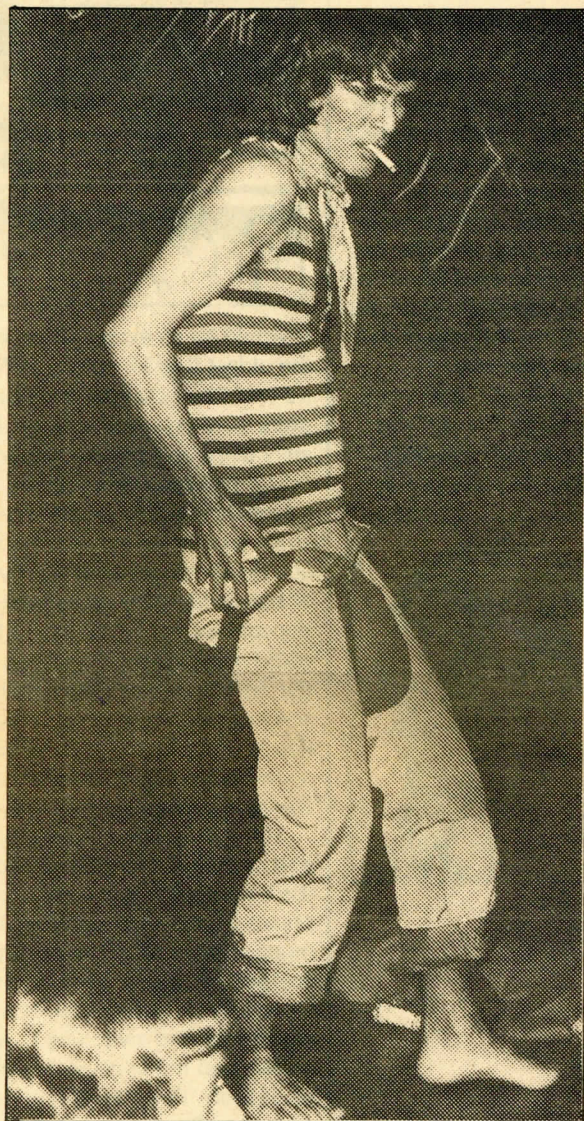
With the women came self-government, politics, preachers and more laws. Most of the ribald things men do together were outlawed. A gallows and pillory rose to mark the fort as a Christian community. Slavery was introduced. Civilization had come to Virginia.

Heterosexuals are notorious for proselytizing, and the new arrivals in Jamestown would have shared Samuel Pepys' delight "to see other poor fools decoyed into our condition." The family was beginning to be considered all-important in recently Protestant England; bachelorhood reeked of popish celebacy, and living alone was considered dangerous to religion and morals. The Company, the local government, the tamed married men, and the dress-wearers—women,

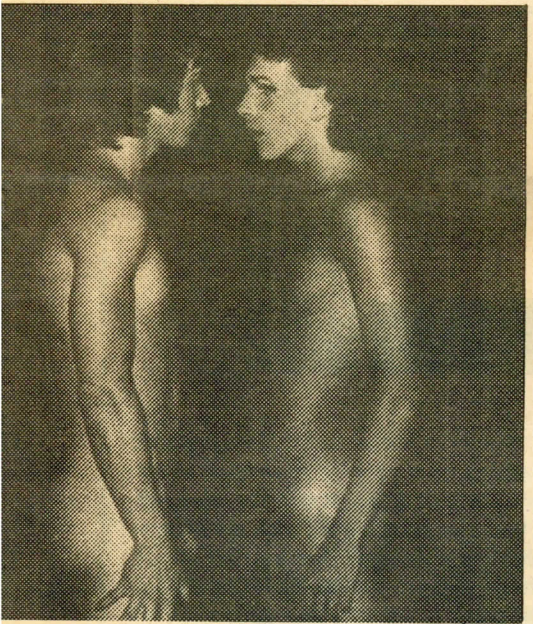
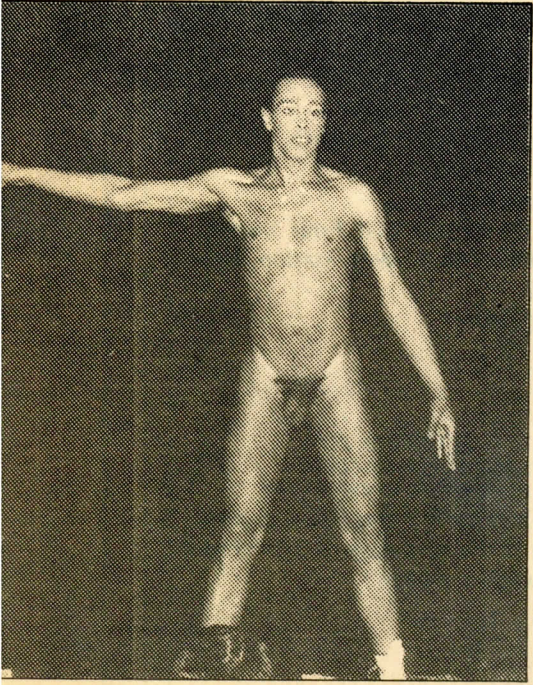
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Boeuf Bourguignon



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The Last Estate

BY GREGORY BATTCKOCK



Readers of *Arts Magazine* will be delighted to learn that Gregory Battcock has been named top editorial swain of that publication, where, among other things, he plans special issues on international art developments, including the 1974 Biennale at Venice. But for GAY, of course, Greg tells us about cholera.

T/N Raffaello, Voyage 103 Eastbound to Algeciras, Naples, Cannes and Genova.

Well, the whole schedule has to be changed because of what the announcement calls a "sanitary condition" in Naples. In fact, it is cholera! Throughout the crossing, first class passengers, dressed to the nines, sipped champagne ("I've never seen them drink so much; and only the quality stuff!" complained a bartender.) and spread rumors about infection in tourist class and plague in Naples and Rome. The ship tried to hush things up, but word leaked down from the radio room. Passengers dribbled down to the infirmary, still clutching their champagne glasses, at four in the morning. By eight the vaccine had run out.

The remaining 1500 passengers and 800 crew members would be inoculated once emergency vaccine and disposable needles were put aboard at Algeciras, the first stop.

At Algeciras passengers were informed

that Italian ports would be bypassed, and that everybody would be taken to Cannes. There was no announcement about the vaccine, but people began lining up in the hospital corridors for their \$5.00 cholera shots. Our ship passed the New York bound Michaelangelo, temporarily quarantined with 1600 passengers, in Algeciras bay. Nobody seems to care very much that destinations have been altered. What matters most is that our journey, because of cancelled ports, has been shortened. Gala "Farewell Dinner" is now scheduled immediately prior to arrival at Cannes which is lousy timing, and nobody knows when to pack.

Trans-Atlantic passenger shipping is finished, as everybody knows. Yet our ship, going east when everybody is supposed to be coming back, is completely full. In fact, all Italian Line trans-Atlantic crossings for the rest of the year are fully booked. The explanation for this dilemma is, simply, that boat companies prefer to concentrate on high profit cruises to the Caribbean maintaining casual schedules and low speeds. Other companies still running (summer only) trans-Atlantic are French Line and Cunard. Their boats are full also.

At the next table sits Tadzio with his

elegant father, charming mother and exquisite younger brother. I smiled at Tadzio this evening at dinner, while complaining to the headwaiter about the snapper that was not, to my mind, as fresh as it once had been. An elderly gentleman seated at my table, the sort who woke up on his 65th birthday to discover that he was gay as a goose, complained about the crew. "They don't work hard enough," he said. "Nobody does anymore," I volunteered. He also complained about his inside cabin: "It's because I don't live in New York. People from New York get all the best cabins," he said.

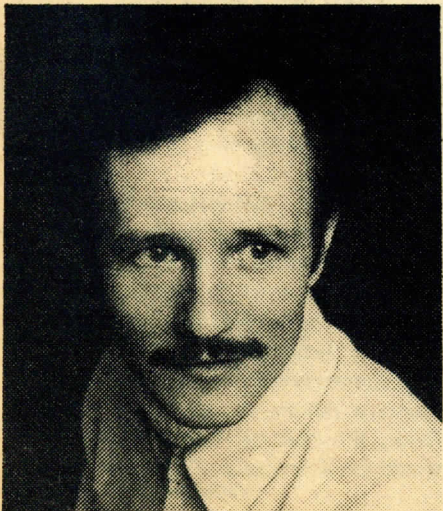
Tadzio didn't show up for lunch. A touch of *mal de mer*? Not at all. He prefers the swimming pool buffet and its cold lunch meats, hamburgers and pizza. At dinner I gave him a big welcoming smile, while complaining to my waiter about the iceberg lettuce and dreadful American tomatoes. "Italian Line is coming down in the world," said the waiter. "That's OK. As long as you don't run out of caviar," I said.

Not all passengers attend the fun and games evenings, but those who appeared for the "One Shoe Off" dance got to see the first death of the crossing. An elderly,

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The Wicker Report

BY RANDY WICKER



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT HUSTLER?

One way we often obtain leads at GAY is by clipping news items and then following them up at a later date. Last fall, we clipped an item entitled "Bludgeon Killing Suspect Is Held" from the *New York Post*.

"An argument at the Clinton Hotel, 19 W. 31st St., between two men described by police as homosexuals ended in the violent death of one of them, according to police of the Midtown South Precinct," the story reported.

"Police said Frank Olding, 19, killed John Liebing, about 30, by smashing him over the head with a lead pipe. Guests who overheard the argument notified the desk clerk, who alerted the police.

"Olding, who like Liebing was unemployed, refused to tell police what the argument was about. He was booked on a homicide charge."

Almost six months later, I decided to track down the case and see what happened to Frank Olding. What does an apparent 19-year-old hustler get for killing an apparent 30-year-old john?

The police at the Midtown South Precinct said that they would have to know the exact day of the murder to look it up. Since we had failed to note the date, I couldn't supply it. There is no such thing as a name index even of homicide cases.

Next, a few calls to the Clinton Hotel, no doubt one of the more terrible

dumps in town, resulted in a runaround worthy of the Barbizon Plaza.

"Yeah, I remember it," the desk clerk said. "That guy was crazy. They should have put him in a mental hospital."

But when he asked another about the date, "management" became concerned about the hotel's "reputation."

"We don't want any publicity, a higher-up said. "No, we won't tell you anything. That was a terrible thing that happened here. I was here when they carried the body out. We just want to forget it ever happened."

ANOTHER MURDER WITHOUT DETAILS:

The *New York Times*, in a feature on "SRO Hotel Roomers, It's a Precarious Life" began: "In the early hours of June 17, the resident of Room 533 of the Manhattan Towers Hotel staggered from the ninth floor into the elevator, his throat slashed open with a knife.

"The resident, Walter Hodil, died in the lobby. Early the next day detectives arrested the resident of Room 928, Louis LaSalla, and charged him with the murder. A homosexual quarrel was given as the motive."

ON WARPATH AGAINST GAY BARS

Despite court decisions upholding homosexuals' rights to assemble and patronize any tavern of their choice, regulations against allowing "homosexuals, degenerates and other undesirables" to gather in a bar are still on the books. And recently, two bars in Buffalo were closed for those

reasons.

However, the SLA maintained that although "gatherings of homosexuals" did not constitute disorderly conduct under N.Y. State law, specific acts which allegedly occurred there—"obscene gestures, groping, etc."—did.

It was on the basis of disputing such specific charges that the two bars defended their licenses. Mattachine Society of the Niagra Frontier reporter Don Michaels says the real issue was never really faced.

"So far, bars involved with facing SLA charges have not chosen to fight the broader issue of discrimination and the malignment of homosexuals as 'degenerates' and 'undesirables,'" Michaels writes. "In other words, the bars have not yet attempted to challenge the prejudicial attitudes of the local SLA."

NUREYEV'S MOVIE PANNED

The *National Observer* has panned Rudi Nureyev's first movie *I am a Danger*. According to the *Observer*, the film consists of nothing but shots of Nureyev and Dame Margot Fonteyn dancing with very few cinematic techniques added.

"Of Nureyev's off-stage life there is very little," the *Observer* lamented naively, "a few dressing room shots, a scene greeting admirers at the stage door (instead of giving autographs, he touches them with a flower), a rehearsal sequence, and snippets of an interview.

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ALLEN

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well. In fact, the people who try to distribute their own films seldom do well at all.

GAY: Are most of the people who do gay films actually gay or are they mobsters?

DAVID: The distributor of my film is a very conservative businessman. He does very well in his field and is one of the largest gay-film distributors.

GAY: Do they handle just gay films or others as well? Are they a gay firm?

DAVID: As far as their personal lives are concerned, I don't go into that.

GAY: Do you have any advice for new filmmakers?

DAVID: Yes, before you shell out your money, know your distributor. I did that and I'm profiting from it. He has helped me in every way. He's promoted the film. He's really worked to get the best bookings and the best rates.

GAY: Do you think that the Supreme Court decision on obscenity will hit gay movies especially hard?

DAVID: I don't plan to make any more gay films in the future. I'm working on a straight screenplay right now.

GAY: Is it easier to get guys to do films than it is to get girls to do them?

DAVID: If a female has children the welfare people can get on them and say "You did a porno film and we're going to take your child away." So the mother can break down and get everybody in trouble because of it. So in that respect I understand it is more difficult.

GAY: You had a scene where an older man has brothel sex with a good-looking young boy. What was your idea in this?

DAVID: Well, I think it was portrayed as it is in real life. Generally you don't have a young man paying another young man for sex in a brothel. It's usually an older man so that's the way I did it.

GAY: In your orgy scene you had women around on the couches. Did any of the boys feel upset about fornicating right there in the presence of females?

DAVID: Not at all. That was one of the best shooting days we had. I got the people there at about nine in the morning. I started it off as a general party atmosphere which was what I wanted to film.

GAY: You are an unusual porn star in that you are not masculine and you don't have a big cock. In your film you seem to de-emphasize your cock and have oral and anal sex with people.

DAVID: I wrote the role for myself so I did what I basically wanted to do within the framework of the story. I surrounded myself with hunky numbers and the character I was playing didn't have to be that wonderful looking, as he was just an average kid from the Midwest.

GAY: Do you have "hunky numbers" proffering themselves on your director's

films they're interested in, but my social life is tied up in business. I can honestly say that in the three weeks I've been in New York I've not had one sexual experience. I just don't have time for it. It is very crucial that I make the money back. I would like to get beyond the porno market although I'm not putting it down. I feel that it has its place and I hate censorship of any kind, but I don't think I want to spend my whole life on it.

GAY: What do you feel when you have to get up in front of people who have watched you suck cock for two hours? Do you feel at all peculiar?

DAVID: No, I feel I've made the most serious gay film ever made and if it lacks anything then it does, but I think the overall serious approach to this aspect of gay life is self-justifying.

GAY: Have you had any hostile reactions?

DAVID: The only really hostile reactions I've had come from people who want to go to bed with me and I don't want to go to bed with them. "You do it in the movies," they say, "why can't you do it with me?"

GAY: What about your family? Have they seen your movies?

DAVID: No. The only one who knows anything about it is my sister who is a minister's wife in the South and all she knows is that I've made an X-rated movie. I've instructed her not to see it.

GAY: There is an ass shot of a black man who you rim in the film which drew attention. What were you trying to say there?

DAVID: Well, it was really a symbolic thing. In the film he says, "You got to lick ass and if you do it enough they'll come around and start licking yours." For this reason I showed that big ugly asshole, which is the labyrinth of the world as how far people will go for capitalistic gain, not just in our society but in all societies. It's done for the dramatic, and not the erotic, values.

ESTATE

single gentleman, having the time of his life, simply fell over and croaked. "What a lovely way to die," remarked the Italians. "This will mean a lot of paper work," added the Americans. "It's going to ruin the Gala Buffet," volunteered a gentleman sipping champagne at the Grand Bar. "Yes. The Last Tango," observed another.

Again, at dinner, I smiled at Tadzio while complaining to the wine steward about the vintage Bollinger; I wanted 1966, he offered 1964. During our squabble, a passenger from another table came over. "May I borrow your copy of After

interrupted. "Oh, may I see the center picture?" he asked. "Yes. You can have it if you give me a copy of your lovely wine list. It's certainly preferable to that dreadful picture." Everybody laughed, the wine steward took the Playmate, I got a Lista dei Vini and the waiters stood around grinning.

Conversation always turned to boats and one fellow passenger always had the last word—John Malcolm Brennan who wrote **The Sway of the Grand Saloon**. Brennan settled the arguments in the Lido Bar, like what was the original name of the Majestic? Answer: The Vaterland. It was revealed that the great old Italian Line ship Vulcania, having been renamed the Caribia, was awaiting demolition at La Spezia. (Further inquiries indicate the old ship has already been destroyed. We are writing this column en route to the dreary port of La Spezia, home of the Italian Naval Academy, in hopes of seeing the ship.)

A gentleman seated at the bar described an article he had read in **Queens Quarterly** about the steamship terminals at Havre, Tillbury and Bremenhaven. The piece he was referring to appeared in GAY, not **QQ**, and was the subject of this column two months ago.

Arrival in Cannes provided enough excitement to undo six restful, yet at the same time exhausting in their own way, days at sea. Nevertheless, we managed to overcome our exhaustion and horror at the deterioration of the French who have taken to lying naked on the beach and to wearing their own redesigned versions of American college sweatshirts the rest of the time . . . we got to one-star La Reine Pedaque where, at least, standards have been maintained, the mouseline de rascasse was feathery and hot, its champagne sauce creamy and light; a steak au poivre en casserole loaded with green peppercorns and a brown, embarrassingly rich sauce; a frozen soufflé drowning in hot chocolate sauce.

Cheers,
Gregory

WICKER

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"The film says nothing of what motivates a dancer," the **Observer** reviewer concludes. "Of how he really creates a performance, or of the differences between the artistic worlds of West and East. Considering that he is the most exciting male dancer of the day, Rudolf Nureyev has come up with a remarkably dull movie."

HUSTLERS BOAM VIA VENETO

popular and most visited streets in Rome, Italy. But now male prostitution has caused the street to develop a new image.

"From 10 p.m.," Armando Brioni, vice president of the street's merchants' association, told **Newsweek**, "the Via Veneto turns into a brothel."

According to the **Newsweek** report, a hundred or so prostitutes crowd the Via Veneto's five blocks in the evening. There are some young girls in hotpants and unbuttoned blouses and older women with heavy make-up in microskirts, but more prominent are the "mincing young men in clinging pastel silk pants."

"The male whores generally outnumber the females 3 to 1," **Newsweek** reports and quotes one American tourist as declaring: "I've never seen anything so disgusting. These 'men' even made passes at my husband when he was holding my hand."

It was a fashion show put on by Alexander's department store, Monday morning, September 10th. The press was there en masse not for the bagels and lox breakfast so much as the atmospheric backdrop of the Continental Baths' deserted dance floor and swimming pool.

The **New York Times** ran a detailed report on Alexander's new fall offerings noting that "the gambit worked, even though only a couple of betowelled customers were around to make the atmosphere look genuine."

If you have a weight problem, you might want to pick up a copy of **Slim News** which is written and published by yours truly. The focus is weight, not sex. If you've enjoyed these columns and want to learn about reducing, it'll be worth your time and trouble. 50¢ a copy. Most newsstands. Or order direct: **Slim News**, GPO Box 1144, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202.

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judges and preachers—were determined to carry out the heterosexual revolution in Virginia.

The so-called "ancient planters," that is, the men who were there before 1616, resented the invasion of their male paradise. They were determined not to change, and the new people were equally determined that Virginia should become just another quiet, Protestant, English county. Inevitably there had to be a clash, and it says a great deal about the early days of the colony that the battle began with the hanging of an alleged homosexual.

August 23, 1624 was another in a string of those sweltering days that plague tidewater Virginia in midsummer. The blazing sun burned through the humid air, scorching the wooden deck of the little ship Ambrose which rode at anchor near Jamestown Landing. Most of the

Entertainment

BY DON LANE

The idea that superlative entertainment is **not** available in New York often at miniscule cash outlay is under severe attack; witness the **South Street Seaport** museum, Sunday's free spectacle of the month, where there are often street fairs, theatrical offerings and always an enduring display of marine memorabilia plus the Ambrose lightship is open for visitors and the ghosts of 200 years of resident seamen, one of whom was a close friend of Eugene O'Neill.

WATLING beer and excellent food is available at the **Sketch Pad** on Fulton Street. Sunny days call for a stroll up nearly deserted Wall Street nearby, and a stunning view of the sea is available at the Battery—**maison fondée** 1852 as Castle Garden—and George Washington really sat in **that** pew in St. Paul's and that really was his **chair**. Broadway at Park Place.

THEATRE

Lovers of the sea and Henrik Ibsen can view a sensational revival of **Lady of the Sea** at Gotham Art Theatre, a 55-seat converted funeral parlor on West 43rd Street; the rep group does not know that live theatre of pregnant pause and portentous glance is dead. They revive the 1889 corpse with electrifying grace and admission is \$3.00.

On West 18th Street, The **Nighthouse** (\$3.50) is in its fifth month of **The Women's Representative**. Anna May Wong said it isn't so, here's a chance to see for yourself.

Mart Crowley's **A Breeze from the Gulf** will be previewing at the **East Side Playhouse** on 74th Street (this is the place where Bea Arthur did **Lysistrata** years ago if you have to know everything) and if you can locate it, HB Playhouse—short for Herbert Bergdorf who in turn is Uta Hagen's husband, offers free seats to view the work of untried writers and actors, one of whom honest to goodness was Celeste Holm in an unannounced appearance.

Here are some current shows and films of special interest.

THE FAGGOT

Truck and Warehouse Theatre, 79 E. 4th St., 674-8240, Tues.-Fri. 7:30 p.m. Sat., 7 & 10 p.m. & Sun. 3 & 7:30 p.m.

TUBSTRIP

Players Theatre, 115 MacDougal St., 254-5076, Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 7 & 10 p.m., Sun. 5 & 8 p.m.

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS!

Dramatis Personae, 114 W. 14th St. (nr. 6th Ave.), 675-9922, Fri. 8:30, Sat. 10 p.m., Sun. 7:30.

CINEMA

The Thalia, no illusions that it was queen of the revival film houses, really **did** close but great and near great treasures and trash are available all over town; **Pink**



JULIE KURNITZ, *Catherine the Great* in "The Faggot," cavorting at Judson Church Fair.

Flamingos has been running midnights since 1916 at the Elgin in Chelsea; **Reefer Madness**—which scandalized Denver for six months in 1938—is there now with **Betty Boop Scandals of 1974** and the Three Stooges, who once asked a girl if she would rhumba only to be told that it was just gas and a little Alka Seltzer would fix it.

On Sheridan Square, **When We Win** advises that the history of gay movies series begins October 1 and includes **Boys in the Band**, **Something for Everyone**, **Killing of Sister George**, **Maedchen in Uniform**, **A Star is Born** (well, it's a great movie anyway, isn't it?), **Meet Me in St. Louis**, **Wizard of Oz**, and, the original **Lost Horizon**. There will also be **Gay Deceivers** and **Some of My Best Friends Are**.

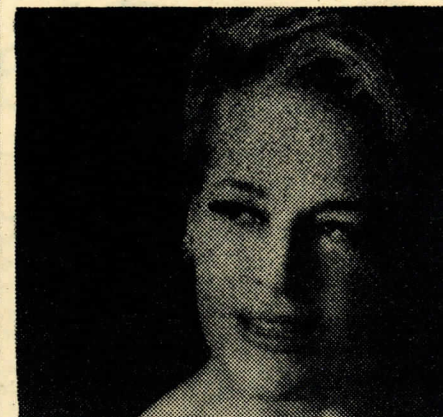
Old staples include the **Park-Miller** on 43rd, the **Jewel** on Third at 12th, **Eros** on Eighth near Times Square, and **David** on 55th near Broadway. Other theatres in

the areas mentioned swing wildly from gay to straight and admission is usually five—count 'em—five nice dollars. Popcorn not available. Nureyev's **Don Quixote** is due at the Festival late this month. American Film Theatre subscription series is later this month, too, with **The Ice Man Cometh**.

Jack, the new Hand in Hand film release at 55th Street Playhouse, is a movie of mixed delights. The men are interesting and some are spectacularly attractive and much of the sex is top notch, but the film is so poorly scripted with the kind of silliness that makes you wish the soundtrack would fade away.

OPERA

The season is saved at City Opera, the strike is averted, the Met's new **Les Troyens** uncut (hmmm) will compete with Rossini's **L'Italiana in Algeri**, Verdi's **I Vespri Siciliani**, Offenbach's **Tales of Hoffman**, Mozart's **Don Giovanni**, and



ELEANOR STEBER, Oct. 4 at the Continental.

Wagner's **Gotterdammerung** for gasps and accolades. What a season! And City Opera is ready with Delius' **A Village Romeo and Juliet**, Strauss' **Adriane Auf Naxos** and Donizetti's **Anna Bolena**. Jack Reedon's unbelievable voice was audible from Saratoga the other day; he will be in the Met this season again, and Beverly Sills, who was once a 12-year-old Major Bowes star, will again brighten the New York State Theatre. The musicians promise to be fervent if not a little better off.

CABARET

Photo: Eric Stephen Jacobs



"Hot Peaches": Roz Drexler in homemade hat.

The Waldorf, if that's your route, has Jim Bailey. Trude Heller—in the Village—no angels, it was the house of detention they decided to demolish—gives us Vee Martense and David Miller beginning October 2; and in a slightly different category, Eleanor Steber is due to sing October 4 at the Continental Baths; management suggests black tie black towel.

When We Win has Sally Eaton, 5 and 6th; Dean Foster 12 and 13th, and Michael Greer the 17th and 20th and 24 through 27th. Show times are 9 and 11:30.

There's awfully good decor, by the way, at the **Barn** down on lower Park. You can look at it for free but steins of beer and 50¢. **Yes, 50¢.**

MUSIC

Reno Sweeney's on West 13th Street is ready with Australian singer Peter Allen and a five octave graduate of **Hair** named Leata Galloway.

Elly Stone is due at Town Hall October 3, and Theodorakis conducts Theodorakis is a pleasant way to recall **Zorba the Greek** at **Avery Fisher Hall** October 1.

Stan Getz will appear at Jimmy's on 52nd Street. We are unclear if this is supper club or straight concert, but if Getz in person is not among your accomplishments, attend.

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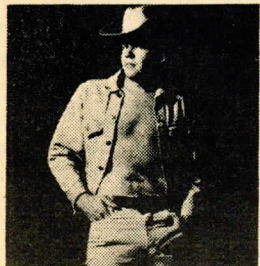
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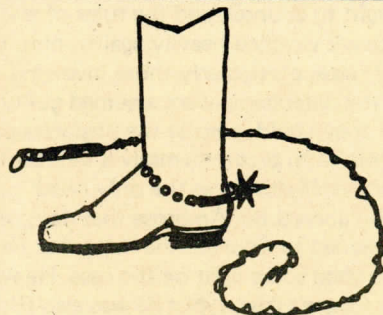


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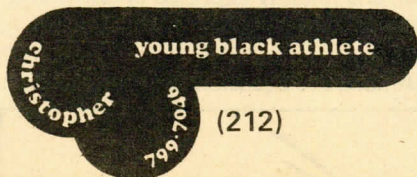
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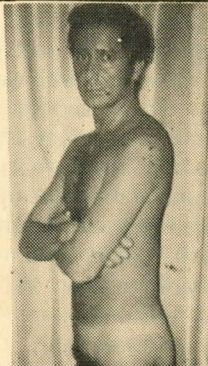
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brothels, no ale-houses, and nearly everything that might be fun had been outlawed by the politicians. The settlement, which by now stretched 20 miles along the James, boasted a population of 840 freemen (few of them women), 441 male and 46 female bond servants, a handful of black slaves, one horse, one mare, 500 hogs and 500 cattle. Jamestown was boring, but the Virginia pines at least offered some shade from the sun.

Three men held watch aboard the **Ambrose**. Richard Cornish, the master, or captain, spent the morning alone in his room, lying on sweat-soaked sheets and trying to get drunk. Next door, separated from the captain's "great cabin" by a thin partition of unpainted boards, was the storage room which doubled as quarters for the crew. Like the rest of the vessel, this room reeked of tobacco and fried fish, the ship's usual cargoes, and of the sweat and piss of the too many men who had been quartered there on many long voyages. William Couse, a 29-year-old cabin boy, relaxed there with his friend, Walter Matthew, the boatswain's mate.

Shortly after noon the Captain's voice boomed through the flimsy partition. He wanted fresh sheets for his bed. Billy Couse, perhaps with a shrug, fetched the linen and went into the great cabin. We have only his word for what happened next, and his testimony before the Court at Jamestown would result in the first trial of a white man for homosexual offenses in North America, and the first execution under the **sodomy law** enacted by Henry VIII in 1533.

Couse said he entered the great cabin and remade the bed. When he went to leave the room, the door was locked. The Master leered and invited him to lie on the freshly-made bed. When Couse refused, Cornish pulled a knife, cut upon the younger man's **cod-piece**, and ripped off his lower garments. The "boy" struggled, but the superior officer forced him onto the bed, kissed him, and swore his love. Still Billy resisted. The Captain then forced him over on his belly and, as the court reporter so neatly phrased it, "did put [him] to pain in the **fundament**," causing him to be "sore three or four days after."

The next day Master Cornish summoned the cabin boy and asked him to return to the great cabin again, and often if he did, the officer promised, he would be favored and promoted. Then, and often, the officer put his hand into the youth's cod-piece, played with him, and kissed him. Couse said he rejected the advances and, as a result, his superior assembled the entire ship's company before the mast and ordered them to avoid Billy's company and have nothing to do with him. Furthermore, the "boy" was assigned kitchen duty.

the rights of the accused, he usually had no right to counsel, and the rules of evidence are weighed heavily against him. In most cases, particularly those involving sex, the defendants were assumed guilty until they could, despite the obstacles put in their path, prove themselves innocent.

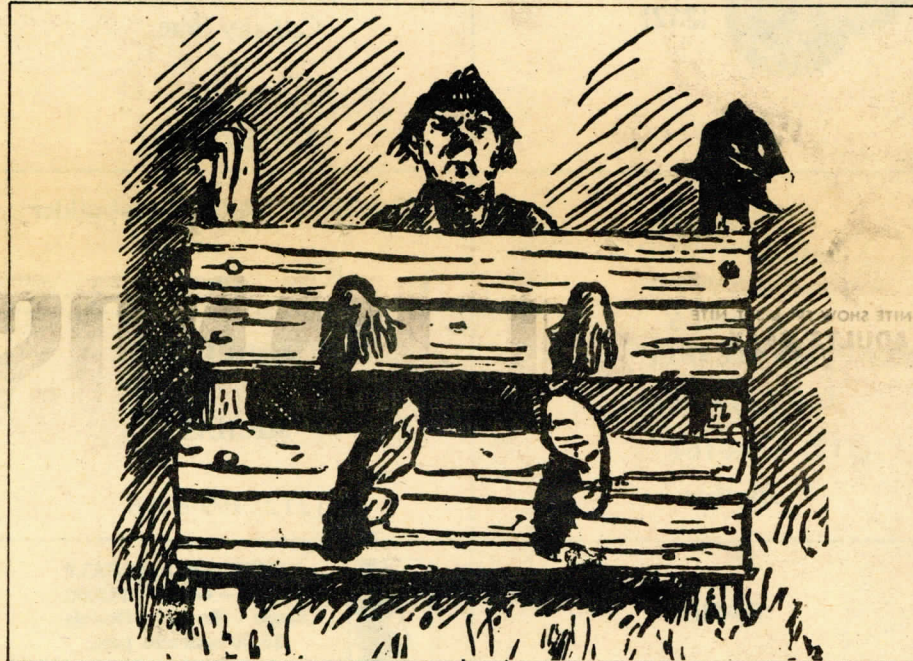
Walter Matthew, as the only other person aboard the **Ambrose** that day, was summoned to Court in the hope that he could shed some light on the case. He was Billy Couse's friend, but he was also Richard Cornish's underling, so Matthew adopted a know-nothing policy.

He had been with the cabin boy when the Master called. His friend went into the great cabin, and shortly afterwards Matthew heard voices there. Couse refused to do something, claiming it would be an "overthrow to him in both soul and

ate the peevish, Protestant Jehovah by dangling humans from a gallows. This, they believed, was **godly**.

Having done their "duty," the Protestants went about their business of taming Virginia. King James, the gayest of English sovereigns, after whom the place was named, had recently made Virginia a Royal Colony. The politicians were busy protecting their power. The preachers were busy telling everyone how God wanted them to live, and the citizens were busy with their daily tasks. At first, nobody noticed the rebellion that was fomenting among the bachelors; after all, nobody had ever rebelled before in Virginia, and nobody expected opposition to execution of a sodomist who was also a rapist.

Among the bachelors were some who



body." Later Billy quoted scripture. What it was the "boy" didn't want to do, or what the Bible verses were, Matthew couldn't (or wouldn't) say. There had been no more conversation, no cries for help, no sounds of struggle, so Matthew (rather conveniently) had strolled out on deck. He was still there, leaning on the railing, when Billy joined him. He asked what had happened, but Couse said he'd rather not discuss it, though later he confided that "the Master would have buggered me"—though he never said the act had actually taken place.

The court found Richard Cornish guilty and, according to the previously ignored provisions of the 81-year-old sodomy law, condemned him to death. Word was sent to the outlying "suburbs," and on the appointed day a drum was beaten, the people assembled, and a sermon was preached. A procession formed and marched between the double row of houses inside the palisades, then out the water gate to the gibbet. There the Captain of the **Ambrose** was **hanged** in the name of God, England, and the Royal Colony of Virginia. Parliament had warned that "the detestable Vice of Bue-

had fled England because the left-wing Puritan radicals were becoming frighteningly powerful. Others were veterans of the two licentious **all-male** colonies that had been planted, but failed to survive, in New England. Some were friends of Thomas Weston, a man of easy virtue and no scruples, who had arranged the voyage of the **Mayflower** and, some said, screwed the Pilgrims. Tom Weston's brother had almost caused an Indian war by falling in love with the teen-aged son of a New England chieftain and kidnapping the boy. Many of the men Weston had brought to Virginia, where he ran a shipping line, were as independent as the Westons. This was a new country, they agreed, and the old ways didn't hold here.

Richard Cornish had been a member of this group, and the **Ambrose** may have been one of Weston's ships. His friends never denied that Captain Cornish had an eye for a pretty boy—what sea captain didn't, in those days when voyages lasted weeks, months and sometimes years? But did he **rape** Billy Couse? That was highly unlikely, they all agreed. Their brother mariner had been put to death unjustly, and on the shoddiest of evidence: the

servedly, punished for his wrongdoing. The vicious youth, out of malice, had raised false charges against his captain, and those charges had been believed.

Thomas Weston also owned the **Swan**, another ship that went back and forth between Jamestown and the fishing camp in Maine, carrying tobacco, fish, bond servants and passengers. Some of the tamed, married men, went north for the summer. While aboard the **Swan** they overheard the crew talking and thus got the first inkling of the rebellion. As soon as they got home again, they went before the Governor and the Court to inform against the dissidents.

The first was Nicholas Roe, one of the "new" people who had come over with his wife in 1620. He was the first of the accusers who appeared on December 5, 1625, and he said he had been "at Canada," quarrelling with Weston and his right-hand man, Edward Nevell, over some spoiled tobacco. Jeffrey Cornish strode aboard the **Swan** and demanded to know what had happened to his brother. He had heard that Richard "was put to death wrongfully," and added, menacingly, that he "would be revenged of them that were the occasion of it."

While this was going on, Edward Nevell walked up and told Jeffrey that he had witnessed the trial and execution and knew more about the case than Roe did. As they began talking, Roe was called down into the hold on a matter of business, so he could not say what the conversation had been about.

Twenty-one-year-old John Giles was the next witness. Not surprisingly, he happened to be a servant indentured to Nicholas Roe, who was still quarreling with Weston and Nevell. Giles verified his master's testimony and added that he had heard Jeffrey Cornish "swear and say he would be the cause of death of those that were the cause of putting his brother to death." Jeffrey had made that speech aboard the **Swan**, then went to another ship anchored nearby and continued to stir up dissension.

Evidently the authorities had already received some hint of the trouble and thought Nevell was behind it. Giles was asked what he knew about that, and answered that he "cannot say" whether Nevell was or was not a ringleader.

Christopher Knollinge appeared in the courtroom and said that he, too, had heard Jeffrey claim he had been told of an injustice that had been done. Knollinge asked who had told him that, but the surviving Cornish wouldn't tell, saying only "that he would spend his [own] blood to be revenged" on the Governor and members of the Court.

A few days later Thomas Crispe, who was also suing Weston and Nevell over spoiled tobacco, turned up to verify the charges against Jeffrey Cornish. Inasmuch as his own suit would soon be coming up before the same Court, Crispe couldn't

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nor would do no wrong or injustice to any man."

To that, Cornish (according to Crispe) snapped back that he "would be the death of the Governor."

Governor Wyatt and the other justices awarded judgment to Thomas Crispe in his suit against Weston and Nevell, but the fate of Jeffrey Cornish is not recorded. Perhaps he, despite his bold talk, stayed safely at "Canada," beyond the short arm of Virginia law. However, the Court formed itself into a sort of early un-American activities committee to investigate this insolent band of dissidents.

An unsavory character named William Foster was found who would implicate Nevell in the protest movement. This man, who would two months later stand trial for burglarizing Nevell's cabin and stealing his belongings, told the Court now that it was Nevell who had given Jeffrey Cornish the idea that there was no justice in Virginia. Weston's assistant had "divers times" told Jeffrey Cornish and others that Richard "was hanged for a rascally boy wrongfully."

Governor Wyatt wanted more proof that Nevell was involved. Thomas Crispe had evidently told the Court that Arthur Avelinge could put the finger on Nevell, but Avelinge was a servant to Richard Evans, who was apparently a friend of the "gay lib" group. The Governor issued a summons for Avelinge to come up from Elizabeth City to give evidence. Evans refused to let his 26-year-old servant honor the summons. "I have no other business for him to do [in Jamestown]," the master told the process server, and therefore "he shall not go."

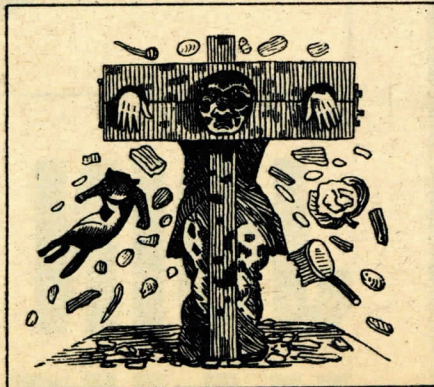
Servant and master both appeared, very unwillingly, before the authorities on January 3, 1626. Avelinge reluctantly testified that Nevell was, indeed, responsible for fomenting the trouble, and had told Jeffrey Cornish that his brother "was put to death through a scurvy boy's means, and no other came against him."

This apparently satisfied the inquisitors of Nevell's involvement as a leader of the opposition. For daring to question the authority and justice of the officials, Nevell was ordered to "stand on the pillory with a paper on his head showing the cause of his offense," to have both of his ears cut off by the public executioner, to become an indentured servant in the colony for seven years, and to forever be barred from becoming a freeman in Virginia.

Arthur Avelinge was not punished for refusing to honor the subpoena; as an indentured servant he could not travel without his master's permission. For denying that permission, Richard Evans was sentenced to lie "neck and heels" for three hours in the pillory, to be fined one

silence the dissidents. There was a party in Jamestown on Saturday night, February 4, 1626. The hostess was the new Sarah Fisher, a former widow with a 16-year-old son and a ten-year-old daughter. Sarah had managed to trap herself a husband, Edward Fisher, who was then building her one of the first brick houses in Jamestown. She evidently had social pretensions, and everybody who was anybody at Jamestown was at the soiree.

Former governor Sir George Yeardley was there, attended by 24-year-old Thomas Hatch, one of fifty male prostitutes who had been kidnapped from the streets of London and sent to Virginia as indentured servants.



Sarah Fisher was a **bitch**. Her party may have been a success, but her hospitality left a lot to be desired. The Monday following the party she led some of the guests to tattle on young Hatch. The first witness was James Hickmote, a married man now seeking respectability. Two years earlier he had been arrested and found guilty of getting drunk with two friends and "committing a riot." Seven months after he testified against Hatch, Hickmote would be a churchwarden, informing on Thomas Fraley for "having absented himself from coming to church upon the Sabbath day for a space of three months."

At this point in his reformation, Hickmote repeated a conversation which had taken place at the Fisher's party. Talk had turned to the Cornish case and the protest over it, and Peter Marten had said that it was all too bad, as the dead man had been "an excellent mariner and a skillful artist." Saucy Tom Hatch, just seven years removed from the streets of London, announced that "in his conscience" the execution had been a miscarriage of justice.

"You had best take heed what you say," Hickmote piously quoted himself to the Court. "You have a precedent before your eyes the other day, and it will cost you your ears if you use such words."

To that the defiant Hatch replied, "I care not for my ears, let them hang me if they will!"

Sarah Fisher took the stand, followed by Anthony Jones, another guest, to verify that Tom had, indeed, said "that he did not care for his ears."

For having the courage of his convictions and the temerity to question the

pillory and lose one of his ears. As his indenture was just about to run out, making him a freeman, the Court ordered the boy to serve Sir George Yeardley an extra seven years, beginning "from the present day."

Two of the protesters had suffered public humiliation, bloody torture, disfigurement, and loss of freedom, but the agitation did not die down. Finally, the protest paid off. The government never officially declared the English sodomy statute invalid in Virginia, nor did they come to grips with the larger problem of whether it is just to execute a man on the unsupported testimony of one witness. However, the Governor and his assistants no longer listened to the tattlers who came to Court to inform against dissenters, and the sodomy law was **never** again enforced in colonial Virginia. Now and again a magistrate examined a man accused of homosexual acts, but none of the cases was ever brought to trial.

When the Laws of Virginia were published in 1702, penalties were provided for fornication, the begetting of bastards,

statutes are silent on the subject of homosexuality. Gay liberation had won its first **battle** in America.

More importantly, the bachelors had given birth to the spirit attributed to Virginians in the mid-18th century: "They are haughty and jealous of their liberties, impatient of restraint, and can scarcely bear the thought of being controlled by any superior power." It was no accident that the oldest colony set the nation on the road to independence and produced the greatest of the revolutionary leaders. Thomas Jefferson made notes on the reaction to the Cornish case, the first instance of Americans "impeaching" (as Jefferson called it) the authority of their rulers. Perhaps Virginia's greatest gentleman thought of Edward Nevell and Thomas Hatch when he wrote: "All too will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will, to be rightful, must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

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A CROTCHEAZER'S GUIDE TO LATINOS

Composer Kurt Weill wrote a line in a song from *Lady in the Dark*, "passion does not vanish in Portuguese and Spanish," and there are those of us who will agree not only doesn't it vanish, but it can be heightened by a luxurious Latin lance being thrust into an appropriate orifice. There are, of course, more to Latin Lovelies than big cocks, namely, the most beautiful asses in the world. Yet these essential ingredients, mixed with fiery temperament and the Latin sense of humor accounts for the existence of "Latinophiles" with whom I claim solidarity.

Ever make a Latin? Want to know how to meet them without darting off on a Caribbean cruise? For myself, arriving in New York after spending eight years among the bronzed beauties of Puerto Rico, I set out immediately to track down the mating places, nests (*nidos*) and strongholds frequented by tropicals, and since my name Gil is really short for Guillermo, it wasn't hard to find what I was seeking. So, share in some of my discoveries and **you too** can appear on the New York Latin scene and sample the wealth of excitement our Spanish brothers have to offer.

Adelante and Buena Suerte!

RUBY FOO, 240 West 52nd St. Do not be confused by the Oriental name of this discotheque because the West Side pleasure palace is hosted by Stephen Verk, a well-known **bon vivant** in Puerto Rico where he was formerly a restaurateur with Michael Giammetta, a former GAY staffer. Enter Ruby Foo's and be dazzled by floors of Oriental splendor and much tropical clientele. Music is wonderful and the dance-floor enormous enough to take full advantage of it. If you like sophisticated gay Latinos in an elegant atmosphere this is the place to visit. You will not spend the least costly evening of your life but what bar isn't expensive these days? Join the festivities!

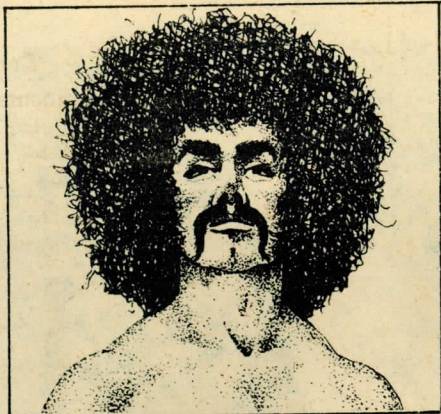
TIJUANA CAT, 350 West 46th St. Small and intimate, this place does good business all week by patrons attracted to the pleasant Cuban-style entertainment there. Audiences are involved, enthusiastic and the overall effect is party-like. South American decor frames some very attractive boys in the crowd who speak plenty of English, so if you like a sociable cabaret atmosphere this is the place for you.

ROUNDTABLE, 151 East 50th St. Here's another super discotheque where the majority of patrons are Latinos. You are treated to goodlooking young people who dance far into the night on a huge dance floor. Music seems to come from everywhere and when the place gets really crowded, it's not unusual for

the shirts to fly off and you find yourself surrounded by sexy topless dancing beauties. A drag show offered on weekends is fairly good and entertaining. Fun.

GILDED GRAPE, 719 8th Ave. This is a veritable labyrinth of dancing rooms and bars where you will find some pretty outrageous goings-on. We're not sure if it is predominately Latin. We saw all kinds of good-looking people: Latinos, blacks, drag queens, freaks and the like, a mad orgy of sight and sound, and while not the luxurious sophisticate set, they're probably well worth investigating if you like your action fast and HARD.

BON SOIR, 40 West 8th St. Here is one for those who like the macho scene, so toss your liberated attitudes overboard for this place. In this Latin discotheque practically nobody admits to being gay yet most everyone is available for fun and games, oftentimes for money. But if you want to be fucked by some hunky Latin butch number, this is the place to find him. You may, however, have to watch him drool ceremonially over the substantial lesbian clientele for an hour



or so, but be patient, they have to fuck SOMEBODY.

So there you have a short summary of where to find the Latinos in Manhattan. If you are into the bath scene don't overlook the **Continental Baths**, 230 W. 74th St., the **Everard Baths** on 28th Street at Broadway, and **Man's Country** at 53 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn Heights, which sport some good-looking tropical types.

There are also gay porn publications which feature exciting photos of Latin boys, many of whom we've **known**, if you catch my drift, from other parts of the world. **Young and Latin**, which presents three volumes of cocks and faces, may prove familiar to those of you who have lazily sipped a **pina colada** and banged away down among the swaying palms of Puerto Rico.

For those of you who still prefer the home-grown variety of sex partners we present our updated listing of great New York's gay diversions in the following guide.

THE ALLEY, 74-05 37th Ave., Jackson Hts., Queens.
THE BARN, 232 Park Ave. So.
BEAT GOES EAST, 601 Morris Park Ave., Bronx.
BEAU GESTE, 239 3rd Ave.
BETSY ROSS ROOM, 73-15 27th Road, Jackson Hgts., Queens
BETTER DAYS, 316 W. 49th St.
THE BIKE SHOP, 230 W. 75th St.
BIG SPENDER, 315 W. 48th St.
BONNIE & CLYDE'S, 82 W. 3rd St.
BON SOIR, 40 W. 8th St.
BOOT HILL, 317 Amsterdam Ave. at 75th St.
BROTHERS AND SISTERS, 355 W. 46th St.
CARR'S, 204 W. 10th St.
THE CANDY STORE, 44 W. 56th St.
CAVE, Bank and Washington Sts.
CELL BLOCK, 372 W. 11th St.
CHARLIE & KELLY, 259 W. 4th St.
THE COMEBACK, Rt. 9-W, Piermont, N.Y.
CHEZ BIPPY, 2207 Boller Ave., Bronx.
COMPANY, 365 3rd Ave. at 27th St.
COUNTRY COUSIN, 1313 3rd Ave.
THE COPABANANA, 59 Lexington Ave.
DANNY'S OF BROOKLYN HTS., 108 Montague St.
DANNY'S OF SHERIDAN SQUARE, 140 7th Ave. So.
DIRTY EDNA'S SCOREBOARD, 246 W. 46th St.
DUTCHESS INN, 70 Grove St. (at 7th Ave.)
EAGLE'S NEST, 11 Ave. & 21st St.
FINALE, 48 Barrow St.
THE FIRELIGHT INN, 112 Carleton Ave., East Islip, L.I.
THE FOREST, 1436 3rd Ave.
FRIZBY'S, 531 Hudson St.
GIANNI'S, 53 W. 19th St.
THE GILDED GRAPE, 719 8th Ave.
GINZA, 40 E. 58th St.
GODMOTHER, 309 E. 60th St.
GRACIE'S MANSION, Henry & Clark Sts., Brooklyn Hts.
HARRY'S BACK EAST, 1422 3rd Ave.
THE HAYLOFT, 780 Hempstead Tpk., Elmont, L.I.
HUNGRY HILDA'S, 709 8th Ave.
JULIUS, 159 W. 10th St.
JOHNATHAN'S, 547 2nd Ave. (at 30th St.)
JOHN'S JOYNT, 1154 1st Ave.
JUDY'S, 255 W. 43rd St. (Bet. 8th Ave. & B'way)
KELLER'S, 384 West St.
KOOKY'S, 149 W. 14th St.
THE LIB, 305 E. 45th St.
THE LIMELIGHT, 91 7th Ave. So.
LODGE EAST, 1683 1st Ave.
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MR. G'S ROUNDHILL RESORT, Washingtonville, N.Y.
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NITE LIFE, 85 Washington Place (off 6th Ave.)
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PELICAN CLUB, 200 W. 70th St.
PETER RABBIT, 305 W. 10th St.
PICADILLY PUB, 324 Amsterdam Ave.
PIPER'S LOUNGE, 1201 Lexington Ave.
THE PLAYROOM, 590 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.
THE RAMROD, 349 West St.
ROADHOUSE, 570 Hudson St.
RENÓ SWEENEY, 126 W. 13th St.
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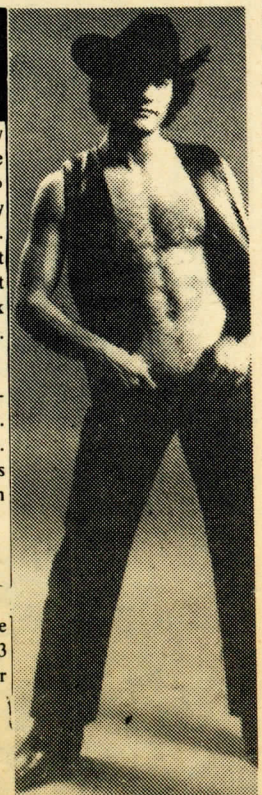
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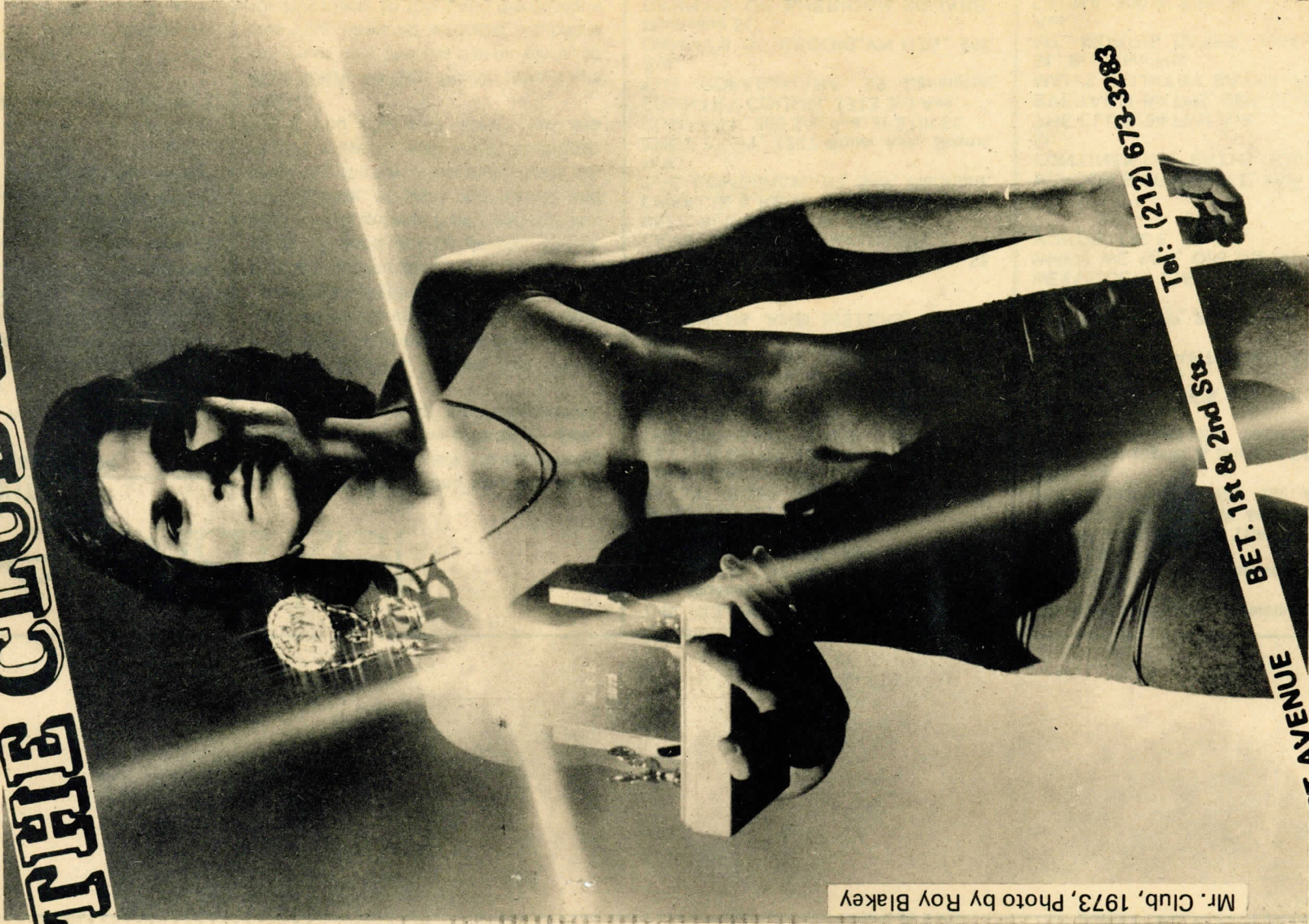
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