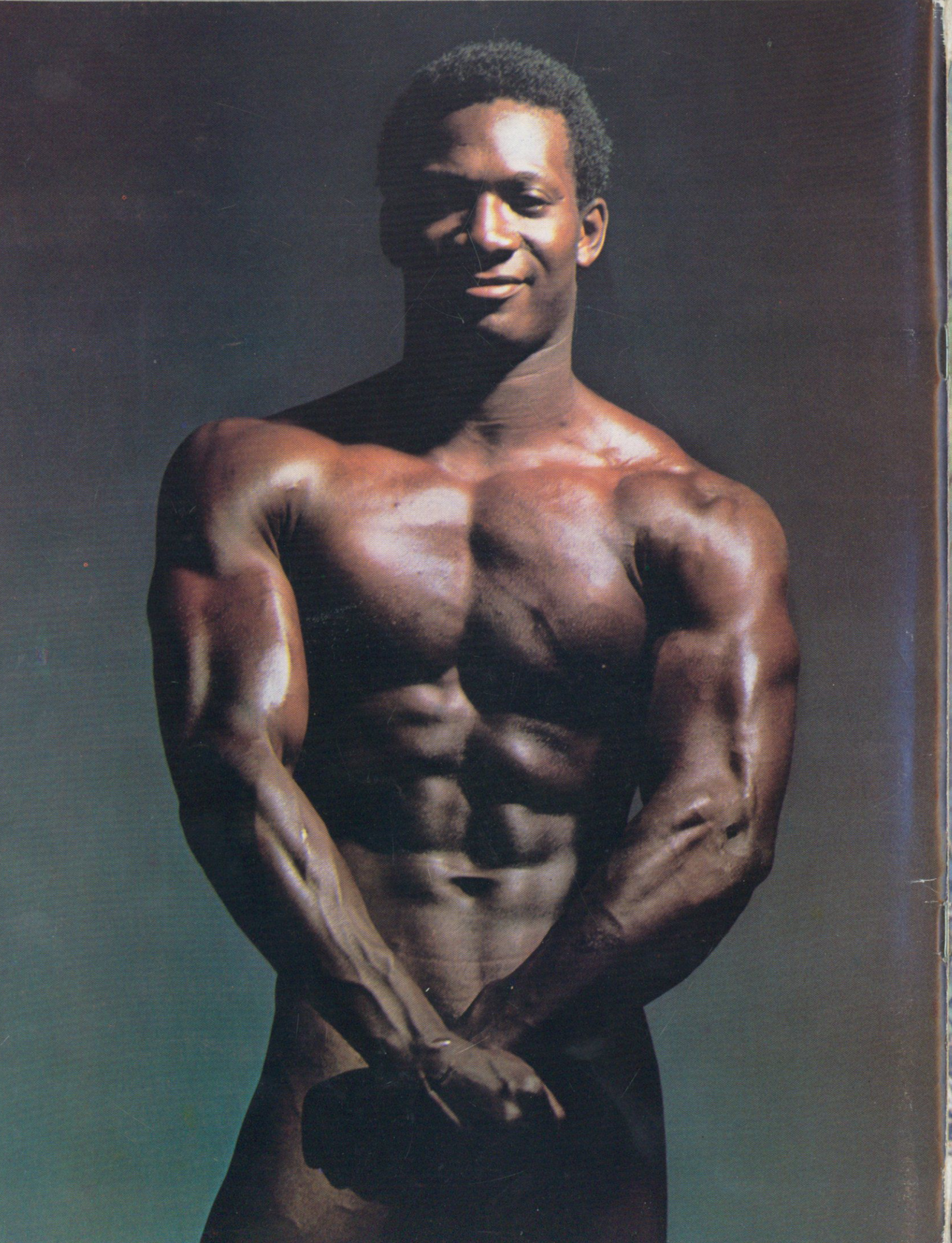


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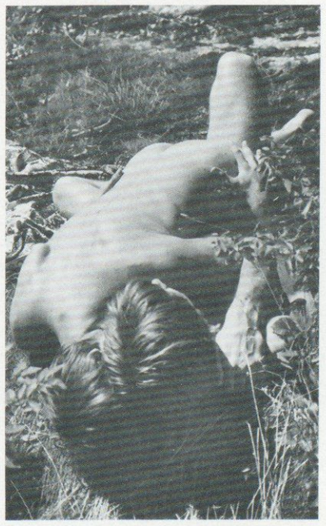
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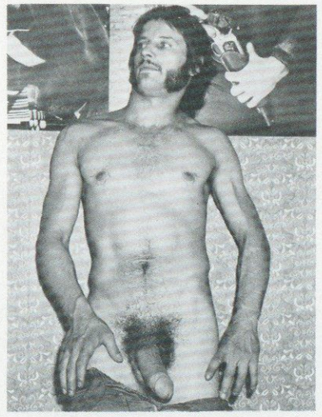
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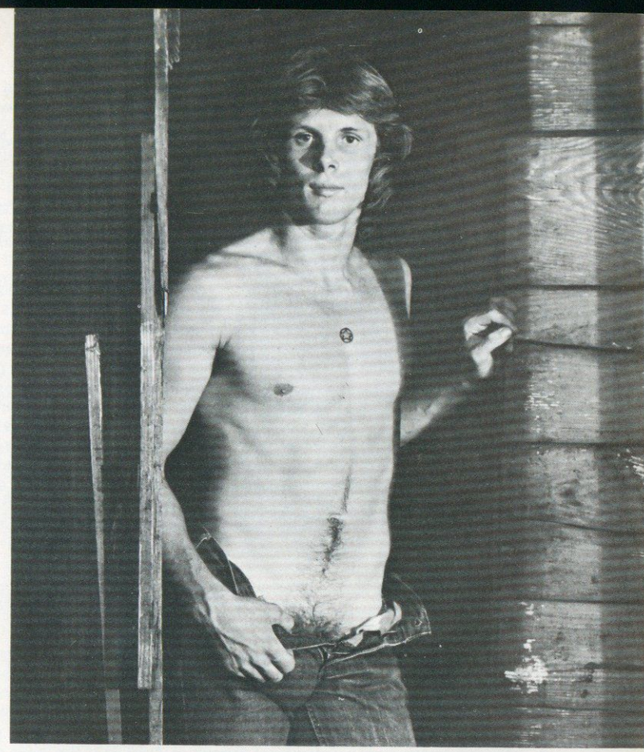
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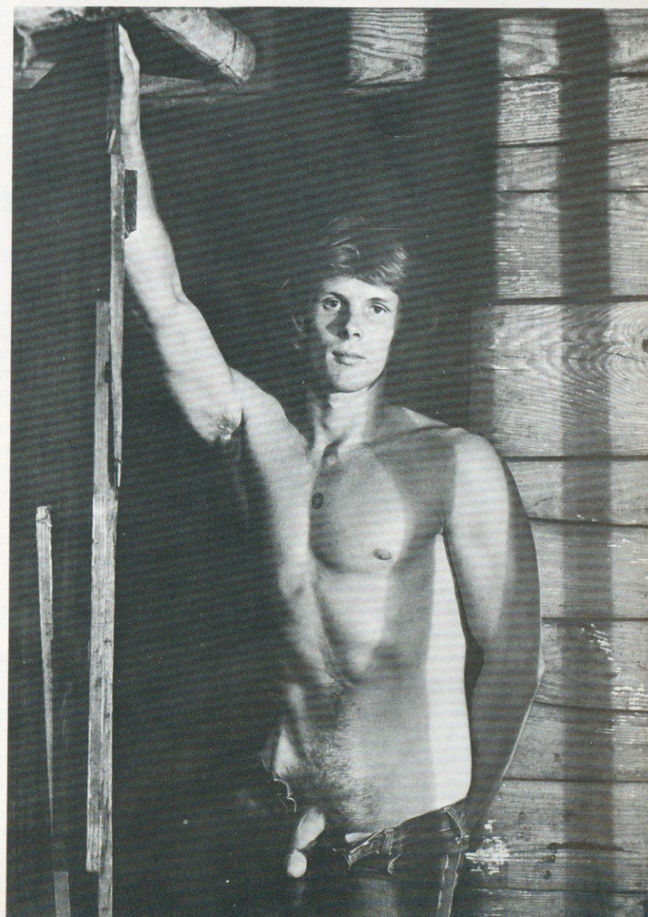
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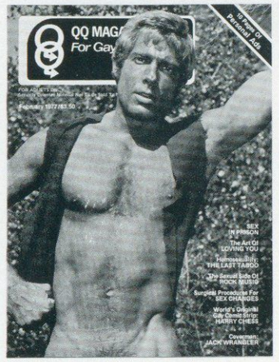
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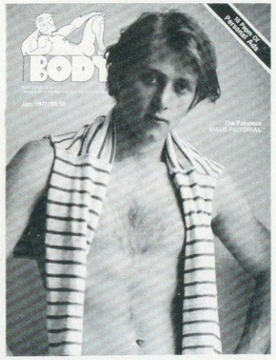
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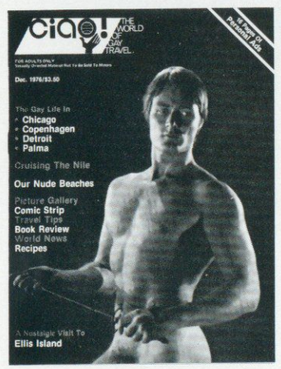
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Travel Thieves

How To 'Trick 'n Treat' Them!

By Jon Lorrimer

The gay vacationer is often his own worst enemy. Travel thefts can be cut 80%, police say, by taking simple precautions before and during a trip. For example, don't enthuse about your projected trip to your hairstylist when having a going-away trim. In his waiting room some 'sly' can figure out where you live, when you're leaving, stake out your pad (or pass the word), and before you're airborne it's being stripped of your cherished possessions. Just casually arrange for your **next** appointment and say no more. You can enthuse when you **return**! Also, **cancel** services rather than arrange for a **resumption** of them. Delivery boys have sharp ears and quick minds, and can easily add 2 plus 2 to get $4000—or more! If you bring strange tricks to your apartment, don't let them know you're leaving. A smart trick can case the joint, and knowing the time you'll be away can return to rifle it at leisure.

Apartment/Home. Arrange to have a friend pick up your mail, remove flyers, collect the daily paper (to those familiar with your habits **suspended** service can be a tipoff), and check inside your home or apartment each day—this latter precaution in case someone **did** find you were to be absent and got in somehow. By checking every day, police could be notified of any break-in and perhaps apprehend the thief (and with **your** goods!). An **old** trail is usually a **cold** trail, police say. Moreover, for less than $15 you can have a variable timer installed which will switch on/off lights, radio and TV in various rooms at various times. Both General Electric's variable timer and Paragon's **Touch Command** stagger this 'game-plan' cycle of days/nights. Also check with your locksmith about the most effective burglar-alarm systems.

Stash away every valuable paper (especially the irreplaceable ones), every piece of jewelry, every bankbook, IRS return, and any cash or checkbooks, in a **bank** safety-deposit box. Home 'strong-boxes' are easily spotted and can be as easily rifled or removed. With mostly furniture remaining, the likelihood of robbery is remote, the 'rewards' not being very rewarding in the thief's estimation.

Your automobile. If you're not driving, store your car in a commercial garage where it is insured. Don't leave it in your home garage—certainly not in your driveway where it's both a giveaway and a lure. But if you must store it in your home garage, replace the original flanged door-lock pulls with unflanged ones. This will cost about 50 cents apiece. In this way a thief can't force a coat-hanger or other ripoff instrument past the window gaskets. If you're traveling by car, don't load the trunk the night before. A simple crowbar operation and your going-away goodies are gone for good. And having reached your destination, don't park on the street. Use the hotel garage. It's safe, and you're insured.

Your hotel. The most modern metropolitan and resort hotels now insure the guest's safety with certain electronic gadgets that make room-robbery difficult-to-impossible. Hotels used to be the worst ripoff places because of easy entry by thieves, abetted by chambermaid accomplices who had duplicate keys. Or a this-year's guest might have a duplicate key to his room made, then come back a year or two later, be assigned another room, yet easily rifle his former room. This is called the 'Mexi-trick' because it flourished (still does in some hotels) in Acapulco.

Modern hotels now use electronic entry devices to foil room robbers. **Cardgard** and **Telebeam** are widely used. Cardgard is the simpler. An arriving guest is given a sensitized plastic card instead of a key. A duplicate is simultaneously placed in a panel at the security desk. When the guest inserts his card in a 'hole-sensor' mounting next to his door, contact is made with security. He turns the knob and enters. Although the chambermaid has a master card to open all doors of her station—which is also matched by a duplicate at the housekeeper's desk—when her shift is over her card is useless because the downstairs dupe has been removed. Next day she gets a new and different master card. **Telebeam** uses both card and key. Some hotels use sensitized keys that cannot be duplicated. So try for a 'Card-garded' or 'Telebeamed' hotel for greater safety.

Even thus protected, stash your valuables in the hotel safe: extra cash, traveler's checks, return ticket, house keys, credit cards, jewelry. Withdraw only as needed. If you're poolside in a resort hotel without such electronic protection, conceal your room key in your swimsuit. Don't wear it around neck or wrist. A hustler, seeing the key, can check with a hotel accomplice who can identify you and your room. It's a sure way to lose your spare rhinestone cock-ring, as well as other valuables.

Also, don't flash a roll of bills. Carry money in a clip that doesn't reveal slices of the long green. Take just enough to pay for what you want (an evening's entertainment . . . a few bucks more for a special trick). Replenish the money clip from the hotel vault each day or so.

Don't discuss your plans with even the most charming companions. For example, don't advertise the fact that later you're going on to **this** bar or **that** john or cruise area, or that you expect to take in some special show or kinky demonstration. If you don't apprise others of your social schedule your room will likely not be entered except via invitation from you.

Take care . . . and have lots of fun and no regrets!

Ciao! reminds you that its 1977 Gay Travel Directory—"Private Stock"—is now ready. Includes tips on handling hustlers. See separate ad in this magazine.

Winter Carnival In Quebec City

Feb. 3-13, 1977

By Jerry Roberts

The Quebec City Winter Carnival—**Carnaval de Québec**—now in its twenty-second year, gets underway on Thursday, February 3rd, and swings on gaily for the next nine days ending Sunday night, February 13th. Each year the Carnaval attracts over 100,000 visitors (mostly of student age) from all over Canada and the U.S.A. Chartered busloads of students pour into Quebec City, especially for the last weekend; all available extra trains and buses can barely accommodate the young Montrealers who want to get to Quebec for the last days of Carnaval.

Everyone comes with the idea of having fun for the weekend and to forget everything else. They throw away the standard rule-book of conventional behavior and let their own natural instincts and taste guide them. Happy guys are everywhere—arm in arm, singing and dancing in the streets; embracing strangers, and offering others a drink from a bottle, or from a plastic cane (sold in department and souvenir stores) filled with wine or liquor. If you want to meet someone, just offer him a drink. Gay guys from the many towns and small cities in Quebec Province come for a good time and are eager to meet people. In this atmosphere of gaiety you cannot help but make new friends.

CARNAVAL ACTIVITIES

There are Carnaval activities of interest to everyone. Carnaval life centers around Place Carnaval in front of the Parliament Buildings where there is a huge ice palace for jovial ''Bonhomme Carnaval,'' the big snowman who, dressed in his big white suit, is present at all Carnaval activities to see that gaiety and fun reign. Thousands of students crowd Place Carnaval each evening to taste the toffee made at the ''Caban à Sucre'' from maple sugar, or to slide down the ice chute.

Sporting events include the world-famous Pee-Wee hockey tournament which lasts the entire Carnaval period and consists of top hockey teams of players from 9-12 years of age from the U.S.A., Canada and Europe who are competing for the championship of their class; ski competitions, both acrobatic and slalom; dog-sled races; and, of course, the famous canoe race aross the ice-clogged St. Lawrence River.

The Grand Prix Esso car race on icy roads on the Plains of Abraham attracts over 50,000 spectators, and the motorcycle race on an icy track (they have spikes in their tires) is equally popular. Participants come from all over North America. Fun for all includes: costumè balls; folk dances; street dancing; French-Canadian dinners held in huge arenas; beer parties; and gaiety in restaurants, bars, and night-clubs. There are hundreds of ice monuments to be seen on Rue Ste. Thérèse and the cruising amongst the hordes of students walking around is terrific. Fireworks at night add color to the end of an interesting day.

The culmination of both weekends is the night parade with nearly 20 illuminated floats, hundreds of clowns and many high-school bands from Quebec, Ontario and the U.S.A. It is estimated that 200,000 people watched the parade on the last weekend of the 1976 Winter Carnaval.

There are sports. You can ice-skate outdoors (and rent skates) at the Château Frontenac. There are also indoor rinks. You can toboggan down the big slide on Dufferin Terrace next to the Château Frontenac. Excellent skiing with good accommodations is provided at nearby Lac Beauport and Mont Ste. Anne.

The best time to come is probably the second weekend (February 11-13) as it's more fun because there are perhaps as many as 80,000 to 90,000 visitors. The first weekend brings in about 25,000 visitors. Parades are on both Saturday nights. The real gay time is the second weekend. A descriptive brochure of Carnaval activities is available from Carnaval de Québec, 290 rue Joly, Quebec 3, P.Q., Canada. Most of the interesting activities mentioned above are on the weekends.

GENERAL WAYS OF LIFE

Over 95% of the people in Quebec City speak French and many of the younger guys speak very little English. Quebecers are shy. A few words of your high-school French will be much appreciated and they will do their best in English.

Some guys smoke a bit of hash or pot. Hard drugs are out. Smoking is frowned upon in any commercial establishment, so do it outside.

Police are extremely permissive and cooperative during Carnaval. You can carry around all the open liquor you wish. There is no police harassment of gay guys or gay bars. Outdoor cruising spots are policed as they want to keep this away from the public, and indoors.

Legal drinking age is 18, but I.D's are not checked often. Wine and liquor are sold only in government-operated branches of La Societé des Alcoöls de Québec. These are open until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Carnaval goers will find one just in front of the Château Frontenac on rue St. Anne and will find the very best in wine in the store, La Maison des Vins, 1 Place Royale, just below the Château Frontenac—itself worth a visit as it's in a building more than two centuries old. Beer and apple cider (10%-11% alcohol) are sold in many small grocery stores. Neither beer nor liquor can be sold by stores on Sunday. Bars can serve beer and liquor until 3 a.m. seven days a week.

Federal Canadian law permits sex between two consenting adults (21 or older—interpreted as 18 in Quebec) of the same sex in private. Don't grope in public and you're okay.

WEATHER AND CLOTHES

During Carnaval the temperature will range between 5 below zero and as high as 25-35 in the day. Wear warm, comfortable sports clothes. Jeans are everywhere. To keep warm, wear long underwear, heavy wool socks, warm gloves, scarf, sweater, heavy coat, and heavy boots. You may need something for your ears and head. Warm shoes or boots are available at shoe stores in Quebec, especially in Lower Town in the St. Roch Shopping Mall. Ties and jackets are 'out' in all gay bars; think casual.

INDOOR CRUISING

Place Québec Shopping Center beneath the Quebec Hilton Hotel is a wonderful place to stroll at night, looking at the displays in the windows of the many small boutiques and at the many young guys who are looking for a friend. It is a fantastic cruising spot at this time when everyone is looking for a warm place to walk around in. Invite a new friend for a beer or bite to eat in one of the bars or restaurants in the Shopping Center.

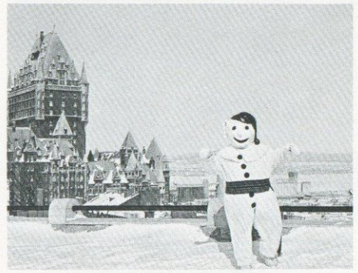
St. Roch Mall on rue St. Joseph features chicken during the day and just after the stores close. They close at 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Not recommended evenings after the stores are closed as it is dangerous and policed. Continue westward along rue St. Joseph after leaving the Mall.

Gare Centrale Bus Station, 225 Boulevard Charest East is crowded with young guys looking for a place to stay during Carnaval. Busloads of young guys come in at all hours from the many outlying towns and cities and many have no place to stay. It's policed, so be careful during the rest of the year. Favored cruising spots for young guys are near the front door and the toilets, especially evenings and weekends.

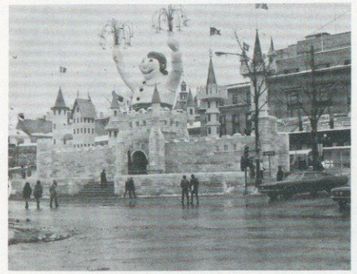
The toilet and the back of the **Cinéma de Paris**, and—to some extent—the **Cinéma Capitol** theaters, both side-by-side at Carre d'Youville, are quite cruisy evenings, and especially on weekends. The **Cinéma Pigalle**, 315 rue St. Joseph East in Lower



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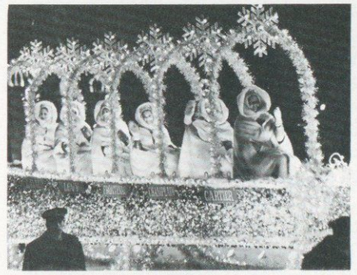
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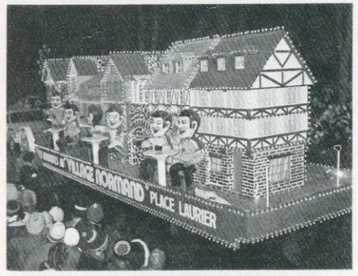
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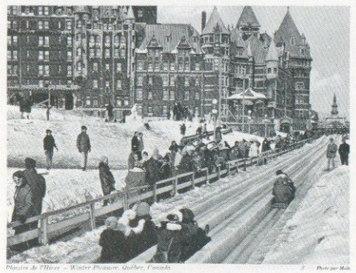
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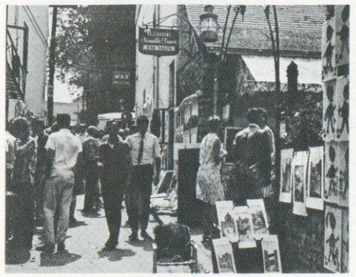
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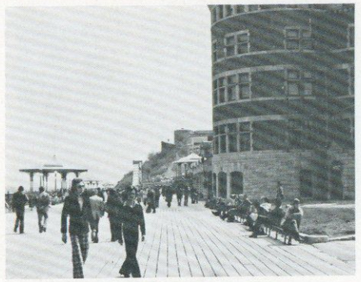
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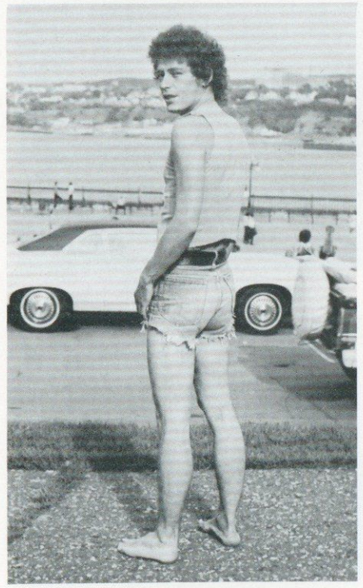
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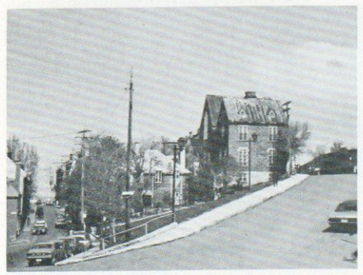
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Place des Armes



Cruising Rue des Carriers



Rue Ste. Geneviève

Town is also quite cruisy, often showing movies restricted to those 18 and over.

OUTDOOR CRUISING

Gays and straights do their outdoor cruising along a half-mile walk that begins at Carre d'Youville and follows rue St. Jean, passing many of the bars, brasseries, bistros and small restaurants in the Latin Quarter, then turns up rue de la Fabrique, continuing on rue Buade past the Basilica, then a right turn through rue du Tresor with its hundreds of inexpensive paintings by young Quebec artists on display, across Place des Armes Square and onto Dufferin Terrace (the boardwalk at the side of the Château Frontenac). In the summer months gays cruise the boardwalk at night. The statue of Champlain and the benches near the statue on the boardwalk are favorite meeting places. Rue des Carriers, just above Dufferin Terrace, is cruised at night by those in cars looking for gay guys on foot. Rue Ste. Geneviève is also cruised on foot, and by cars at night, but it is policed.

It's easy to meet a friend on the Plains of Abraham in summer. At Carnaval rue St. Jean, from Carre d'Youville to rue de la Fabrique, will be jammed with guys as will also be rue Ste. Thérèse with its ice statues. Traffic is blocked off on the weekends so guys can walk the streets. In the summer months, the only other worthwhile time to visit Quebec City, rue St. Jean is jammed with students from all over Canada and the U.S.A. who are walking around evenings looking for something to do.

BATHS

Both of Quebec's gay baths are fun and popular. They are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and charge about $5 for a room overnight. Both are enlarging for Carnaval.

Sauna Hippocampe, 31 rue McMahon (a stone's throw from Carre d'Youville and just off rue d'Auteuil) is now enlarging its premises to 50 private rooms. Facilities include dry sauna, whirlpool bath, sunlamp, showers, snack bar, TV and a comfortable social room. It's filled to capacity just before midnight on weekends, so get there early. Students often come in afternoons. Selective clientele.

Le Sauna Cigogne (formerly Sauna Kak-Tus), 920 rue St. Jean, with 27 rooms, attracts a slightly younger crowd at times than the Hippocampe. It offers dry sauna, whirlpool bath, sunlamp, showers, TV room and snack bar.

TAVERNS

Taverns serve beer only; they are restricted to men only; close at midnight, and are closed on Sunday. Gays stay in the taverns until nearly midnight, then depart for the gay club of their choice. For variety, gay guys frequent some of the straight taverns and brasseries and I will mention several of the most popular. Men of all ages are in all taverns.

Taverne Select, 925 Côte d'Abraham is **the** gay tavern and is crowded with all types of gay guys—mostly working class—from 18-65 every evening. It's the best place to meet gay others in the afternoon. Lots of visiting between tables; lots of activity, and a very active john. Hustlers are available. If you need anything, or see anyone who interests you, just ask the waiter and thank him with a tip. The place really swings during Carnaval, being filled with young visitors. Discretion sometimes needed in picking out your new friends.

Taverne Quartier Latin, 1190 rue St. Jean, is Quebec's oldest gay tavern. A small place, it has a quiet club-like atmosphere and is filled mostly with mature gays who come to socialize. Being in the Latin Quarter, some interesting guys do come in, so at least check it out. It's great fun on the second Saturday of Carnaval as the tables and chairs are removed and everyone comes in and mills around, including lots of straights.

Taverne John Cantin, 1087 rue St. Jean is a straight tavern frequented by the hip set, as well as older men. It's very crowded and is frequented by a

number of gay guys. Cruising and conversation are good.

BRASSERIES

Brasseries are taverns that serve beer to both men and women. Generally, they serve food throughout the day till early evening. Except for the Brasserie O-Koin, they are all straight, but gay men and women frequent a few of them.

Le Gaulois, corner of rue des Jardins and rue Buade, in front of City Hall (Hotel de Ville), is frequented by gay men and women who enjoy the relaxed and somewhat sophisticated atmosphere, as well as the wooded decor. Entertainers each evening include singer and accompanist, and there are exhibits of paintings. Good place for an interesting afternoon conversation and cruising. Not too much cruising in the evenings—mostly social. Generally well-dressed crowd in the 20-45 bracket. Not snobby, but socially this place is at the top of the ladder as far as pre-midnight beer bars go with gay guys. Jammed evenings.

Brasserie O-Koin, 896 rue du Roa (2 blocks north of the east end of St. Roch Mall) is a colorful, lively, intimate brasserie popular with masculine gay guys and girls from 18-30 who live in the lower town Quebec. They go there for fun—to play pool, or pinball and walk around visiting at the tables. Rock music from the jukebox. Very friendly and easy to meet hunky masculine guys at the pool table or pinball machines.

Brasserie Foyer, 1044 rue St. Jean, is still the popular spot with students. Although it's straight, there are always some bisexuals and even gay guys here. Try for a table near the front door. A good place for an expensive steak dinner.

GAY CLUBS

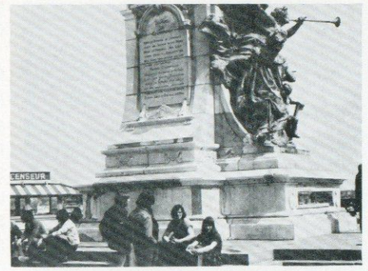
Each of Quebec's gay clubs has a slightly different crowd and atmosphere, but men and women of all ages frequent all of them. The weekends are big, and the rush is at midnight when the taverns and brasseries close. They are open 7 days a week, and liquor stops at 3 a.m. No entry fee, but the Alouette (see below) charges a $2.00 minimum during Carnaval to prevent overcrowding.

Le Cabaret Venus, 157 rue St. Jean (about 1 mile walk from Carre d'Youville) is Quebec's largest and newest gay bar. A cabaret atmosphere, with a singer and organist alternating with jukebox music for dancing, including Latin dances. It attracts mostly middle-class gays who work for government, schools, or in professions. A 25-50 age bracket. It is the most popular spot for lesbians. Gay couples and friends socialize at tables around the edge of the club. Lots of available and easy-to-meet single guys at the large rectangular bar in the center of the club, and lots of hunky single guys standing up and walking around between the bar and tables. Cruising and mixing are easy. Very popular on Sunday afternoons for their 5-7 cocktail hour.

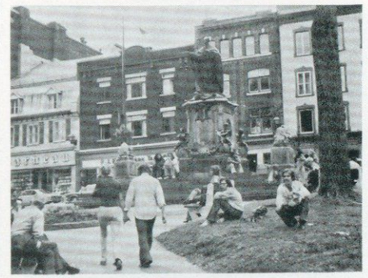
Disco Club Le Venus, 161 rue St. Jean (just above Bar Venus) is Quebec's largest and newest gay discotheque. It opened early in November 1976 and is popular with the disco set.

Le Ballon Rouge Bar, 811 rue St. Jean (no sign; it's opposite Kresge's Department Store) is a moderate-size discotheque with a large dance floor in the center, a cruising bar at one end, and places for guys to stand up at the other end. Guys come early in the evening and by midnight it's jammed. Very cruisy and easy to meet guys at the bar, or standing around. Many are single. Good disco sound, music and light show. A mirror on one wall of the dance floor provides a temporary partner for you or someone else. Young guys come here to find friends.

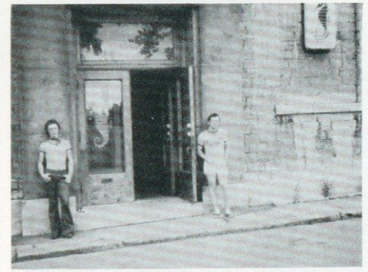
L'Alouette, 1169 rue St. Jean, is popular with Quebec's young fashion-conscious gay disco crowd. The disco music, sound system and light show are excellent on the third floor, which is for dancing or to be seen—although there is a bit of cruising at the small bar or amongst those waiting to be asked to dance. The second floor is quieter and devoted to cruising for guys of all ages. A good



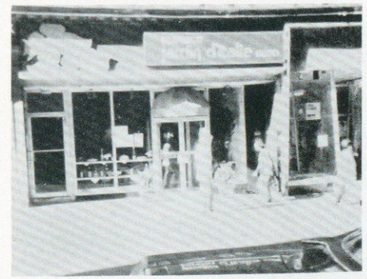
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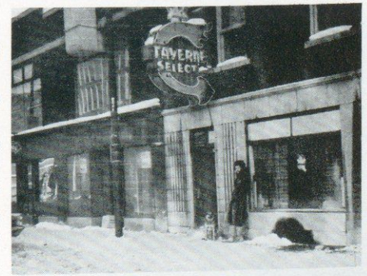
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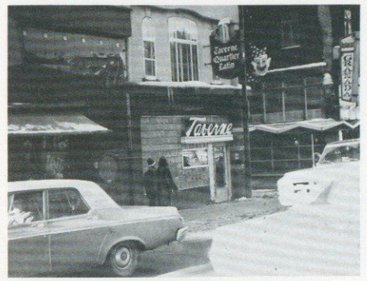
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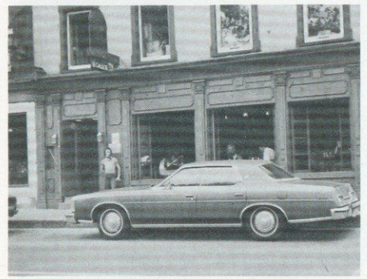
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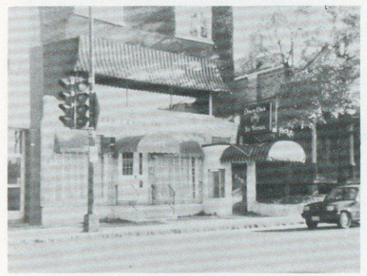
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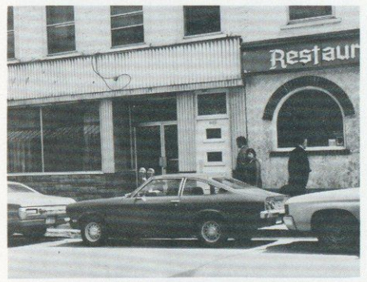
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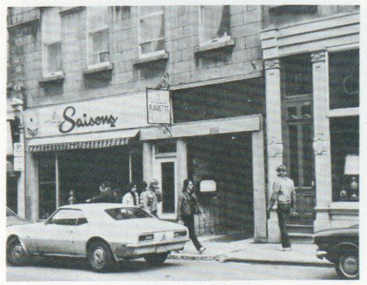
Le Gaulois



Le Cabaret Venus/Disco Club Le Venus



Le Ballon Rouge



L'Alouette

restaurant open during the day occupies the first floor.

Le Gorgendiere, 13 Place Royale, is open to gays only from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Very cruisy crowd—mostly 22-45, with lots of hunky singles at the bar and standing up. Couples and friends are seated at tables. Music, sound system and light show at this discotheque are great, and the large dance floor is very active. Exotic drinks are Sunday's specialty.

MIXED CLUBS

L'Ostradamous, 29 rue Couillard (the continuation of rue St. Jean and a long block east of Taverne Quartier Latin) is the best of the Latin Quarter's small, intimate clubs frequented by students and the hip crowd that comes to hear a good folk-singer or small group, and to converse. Most are straight but there is a good sprinkling of gays and bisexuals and gays are welcome. Good for casual conversation and cruising, if you fit in. Best about midnight. Very crowded and fun. Many of the gay guys here do not go to other gay clubs.

Le Cirque Electrique, 27 Côte du Palais (just below the Alouette Club) is Quebec's only disco with a good live rock group. A huge disco made from a converted movie theater, it is crowded with guys and gals, many of whom come from nearby towns on weekends. Very popular with hips and heads. Not very gay, but if you fit in with the crowd and like rock music, you'll enjoy it and could meet somebody interesting at the huge bar, or standing up in the back. Small entry fee.

GAY SOCIAL CLUB

Chal, Inc., 264 rue des Franciscans, is a social center for gay men and women. It's open several days a week and has special Carnaval activities. A very short walk from the Venus Bar. Visitors are welcome and may write Chal, Inc., Box 596, Quebec 4, P.Q. to find out their activities. Mostly 25-60 crowd.

LATE NIGHT SNACKS

Two of the most popular spots with gay guys for late night snacks are **Le Noctiluque Restaurant**, 780 Place d'Youville and **Restaurant Acadia**, 854 rue St. Jean. Le Noctiluque, just around the corner from the Select Taverne (there's no sign on the restaurant), is a small brownish house that serves light snacks. Eating space is restricted to the counter so you can sit next to somebody interesting you may have glanced at through the window as you passed by. Restaurant Acadia serves more elaborate meals.

Le Bec Fin, 1123 rue St. Jean, is jammed with the young hip set all evening until the wee hours. Delicious submarine sandwiches, beer, and pastries are available with rock music. Primarily straight, it's always worth a try, and the food is good.

SEX TOYS

Le Garden, 908 rue St. Jean, has a good assortment of sex toys, lotions, creams and some picture books.

WHERE TO STAY

The **Quebec Hilton; Auberge des Gouverneurs** (downtown); **Loew's La Concorde; Château Frontenac;** and **Holiday Inn** (downtown) offer first-class accommodations. The first four are within a short walking distance of Carnaval activities and all gay clubs, with singles from $31 up, and doubles from $39 up. The Holiday Inn (downtown) is a bit farther away but still within walking distance and offers singles at $24 and doubles at $30. The Château Frontenac has undergone complete renovation during the past few years and the other four hotels were built within the past few years.

Place Carnaval is just across the street from the Quebec Hilton and the next-door Auberge des Gouverneurs (downtown), and the cruisy Place Québec Shopping Center is beneath the Hilton, so that might be your first choice, with Auberge des Gouverneurs (downtown) as your second. The spacious lobby of the Château Frontenac is filled with young guys wanting to get out of the cold for a few minutes and the hotel overlooks the St. Lawrence, so you have a warm

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place from which to watch the canoe races on Sunday. The Holiday Inn (downtown) is right next to the St. Roch Mall on rue St. Joseph, where lots of young guys living in Lower Town cruise daily.

The **Hotel Victoria**, 1110 rue Jean, a good inexpensive second-class hotel, is right in the heart of the Latin Quarter and within a stone's throw of most gay bars. Singles are $14 without bath, and $19 with bath, with doubles $20 and $23 respectively. Telephone is 1 418-692-2965. Last year most hotels opened their lobbies at night to accomodate guys who had no place to sleep, so here is your chance to share your room.

The **Château View**, 8 rue La Porte (telephone 1 418-692-2692) provides comfortable lodgings in a series of seven inter-connecting tourist houses. It's $34 for a double with bath during Carnaval, and cheaper at all other times. This is **the** favorite place with Montreal gay guys and the management is very understanding. Located just above the Château Frontenac and overlooking the St. Lawrence river with a lovely park and the cruisy Dufferin Terrace just in front.

For those guys on a very limited budget we suggest two old third-class, four-story hotels (**Hotel Château Champlain**, 401 St. Paul Street and **Manoir Cap Diamant**, 377 St. Paul Street) which are in front of the railway station (no longer in use) and only 5 minutes walk to rue St. Jean and the main gay clubs. Singles with bath are about $12 and doubles $14. Cheaper without bath.

But wherever you decide to stay, make your reservations now as everything gets booked early for the last weekend of Carnaval.

RESTAURANTS

A complete listing of restaurants is contained in each issue of **Québec Au Bout des Doigts** which is distributed free in all major hotels and is available free at the Tourist Information Center (Centre d'Acceuil du Ministere du Tourisme), rue Ste. Anne (just in front of the Château Frontenac). Copies may be obtained by writing them at 1155 Chemin Ste. Foy, Quebec, P.Q., Canada (send 50 cents for first-class postage).

There are many excellent restaurants for the gourmet in or within walking distance of Quebec's Quartier Latin. All have the menu with prices in their windows. A few are listed here but there are lots more, so shop around; it works up a good appetite. Prices are lower during lunchtime.

A few of the more expensive restaurants are:

Le Continental, 26 rue St. Louis (opposite the Château Frontenac), is tops in French cuisine, featuring such entrees as flamed sirloin steak and flamed lobster, for about $10. Terrific wine cellar. Impeccable service. One of the top restaurants on any Quebecer's list. Expensive. Reservations advisable.

Chez Guido, 73 rue Ste. Anne features the best in French and Italian cuisine. Specialities are shrimp, stuffed avocado "Cote d'Azur," scampi, pears served in Pernod. Entrees $5 to $12.

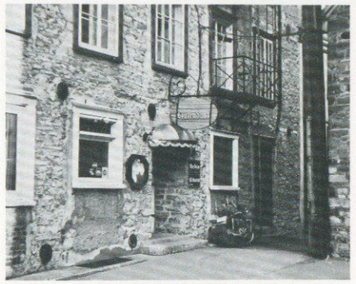
La Chaumière, 22 rue Couillard, with its excellent French cuisine, features snails in cream sauce, Florentine veal cutlets, and beef cuts.

La Bastille, 47 rue Ste. Geneviève, mixes paintings, tapestries, and art objects of past centuries, with delicious flamed dishes and quarter of lamb.

Le Main d'Argent, 50 Côte du Palais, is a restaurant with a moderately classical decor, specializing in French Provincial cuisine: garlic blood-sausage, tripe, "cassoulet," and a young rabbit cooked with herbs.

L'Ancetre, 17 rue Couillard, offers a warm intimate atmosphere in a renovated historical home. The proprietor is the chef and his specialties are Matane shrimp "perigourdin gratiné," veal medallions, and pepper filet.

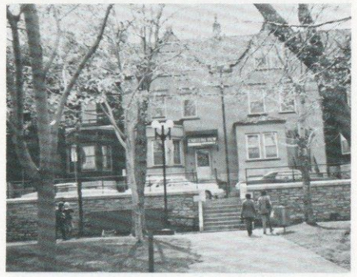
Le Petit Bruxelles, 1400 rue La Canardière, is Quebec City's only place for Belgian cuisine. Speciality is "oiseaux sans têtes." Several miles from Carre d'Youville, but a city bus will take you there. Well worth a



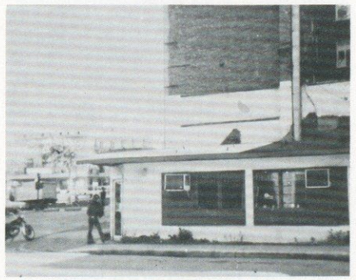
Le Gorgendiere



Château Frontenac



Château View



Le Noctiluque



Le Vendome

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Le Rabelais, 2 petite Champlain (near Place Royale and a few doors down from Le Vendôme Restaurant) offers specialties of veal cutlets, and stewed hare, in a house dating from the beginning of the 18th century. Entrées $5 to $9.

Some of the moderately priced restaurants are:

Au Chalet Suisse, 26 rue Ste. Anne (just below the Château Frontenac) features delicious Swiss cheese fondue, fondue bourguignonne, steak, Gaspé lobster, and salmon steak, from $5 to $8. Excellent Swiss wines not available elsewhere. An informal candlelight atmosphere where you pay for the food and not the decor. It's my favorite and I recommend to all the above entrees.

Café de la Paix, 44 rue Desjardins, a small intimate restaurant with French cuisine, featuring such specialties as mussels, scampi ''maison.''

Aux Anciens Canadiens, 34 rue St. Louis, serves traditional Quebec dishes such as French Canadian pea soup, tortière (meat pie), feves au lard, pieds de couchon, and, for dessert, tarte au sucre (brown sugar). Best place to try native Quebec food. Good for lunch as well as dinner.

La Cremaillere, 21 rue St. Stanislas. French and Italian cuisine, featuring snails ''a la Marsellaise'' and cordon-bleu escalopes, all in a pleasing decor.

La Poudriere, 100 rue St. Louis, is located in a former powder magazine and specializes in broiled meat cuts and seafood. A quiet atmosphere, and very popular with gays.

Le Vendôme, 36 Côte de la Montagne, features good French cuisine in an arty Parisian bistro atmosphere of yesterday. Steak au poivre, Châteaubriand Vendôme, escalope romaine and for dessert, sabayone that will evaporate in your mouth. The most popular restaurant with tourists; crowded, and lots of fun. European help.

La Ripaille, 9 rue Buade, offers Italian and French cuisine. Specialties: escalopes de veu aux morilles, filet de boeuf Ripaille, and seafood.

La Reserve, 108 St. Cyrille Street West, offers French and Italian cuisine in a tranquil atmosphere. Specialities are tournedos perigourdine, ''transnapolitaine au rhum,'' and patés-maison. About 1 mile west of the Hilton Hotel.

Au P'tit Coin Breton, 1029 St. Jean serves a terrific French onion soup and 60 delicious types of crêpes. Excellent for a light meal or snack.

If you'd like a panoramic view of the city, try:

L'Astral, Hotel Loew's Le Concorde, 1225 Place Montcalm. A good meal in a circular revolving restaurant on top of the 29-story hotel. A terrific view of the city and overlooking the land south of the St. Lawrence.

Le Toit de Québec, Hotel Hilton, Place Québec, provides an excellent deluxe buffet ($7.50 at lunch; $12.50 at dinner) on top of the 23-floor hotel with a good view of Quebec and of course Place Carnaval.

Joyeux Carnaval!

Port Goes Pop!

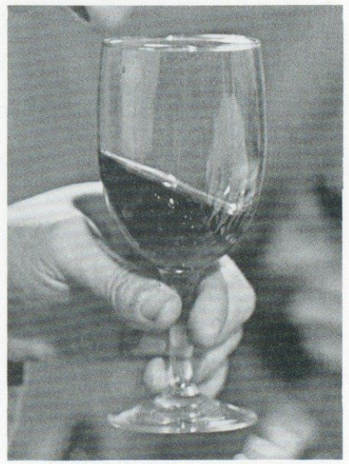
Snow-White And Rose-Red

By Scott Young

To air travelers other than 'the shuttlers' it may often come as a surprise to note that when the plane's 'happy hour' arrives, the hospitality cart is bristling with bottles of wine. All those familiar miniature bottles—each containing a snort's worth of Scotch, rye, bourbon, or a pre-mixed cocktail—seem lost amid the battery of wines. The drinking habits of America aflight, as they are afloat and aground, are a'changin'.

Although choices aloft still run mostly to the lighter wines—Chablis, sherry, and/or whatever domestic Champagnes may be available in demi-bottles, an old champion is right in there flexing his muscles. It's port, a hearty wine one usually associates with after-dinner cheddar, or which conjures a picture of a Churchillian figure warming a glass of it in his hands as he sits before a cozy fire. Port is running neck and neck in popularity with most other wines, however, and if your stewardess should call back for ''Snow-White,'' and ''Rose-Red,'' don't expect Dopey and the other Six Dwarfs to materialize in the gangway also. It's just 'trade' for white and red port.

One reason for port's growing, if latterday, popularity is that it comes on with a soft white elation . . . something midway between the chiming clingg-g-g of a lighter wine and the clout of a cocktail. This is more quickly understandable when one reflects that the alcoholic content of port is 17%, while that of other wines is only 12%, and that of a roundhouse Martini is 40% to 50%. Port is not only the perfect apèritif for those who want a little more stimulation than that provided by lighter wines, and less than the bomber's load of gin, vodka, rum or tequila of a cocktail; it also has the virtue of putting a rosy glow on a sexual seance without interfering with sizzling action. No wonder that the gay host is looking with greater favor on his cellar of port.



A word of caution, however, if you've never drunk port. Even to those who customarily have a second cocktail, as well as to those who are familiar with other wines, your first experience with port can be a real zonk if you drink it too fast, or have more than a glass of it. Just that extra 5% alcoholic content above that of light wine versus the 28% to 38% of hard liquor can throw you for a loss . . . like way out **there**. If you'll sip it with a 'munchy' of some kind it will put you in a beautiful mood that will last and last and **last**!

Although white and red port have the same alcohol content, many connoisseurs believe that the effect of the white 'steals across' more sinuously and slowly. This is not unlike other white wines which are not so instantaneous in effect as that of their lusty red brothers (white/red Burgundy, for example). It may be that because of the slightly greater unfermented sugar content of the hearty reds, the interaction of alcohol on the sugar gives it more assertiveness.

There are also those who think port stimulates in much the same way a good cognac does, which is not surprising since it takes brandy to make port. This came about in a rather utilitarian way. British sailors of the seventeenth century coming to port in Portugal disliked the rough taste of most Portuguese wines of that period. To give them more heart and spirit they added a bit of brandy to a glass of the wine and this turned things around quite nicely. It was, in effect, a serendipitous way of discovering an excellent wine. Although the methods of processing port have changed through the centuries, the basic thrust of brandy has remained the same.

HOW PORT IS MADE

First, the grapes are crushed. In Portugal, near Oporto, from whence comes the name 'port', the grapes are still crushed by stamping upon with with sexy bare feet so that the seeds will not be broken, as they are when the process is mechanical. Some claim that the slight tartness of 'mechanized' port is caused by the discernible bitterness of crushed grape seeds. (It may, of course, be the absence of the taste of those divine feet!) Many have detected this tartness in American mass-produced port. There is not enough to make it a wholly different **kind** of port, but certainly no one will claim that American ports are better than the native Portuguese of the Douro Valley.

Next, the juice is left to ferment, and while it is fermenting an exact amount of brandy is added. This sudden infusion of alcohol stops fermentation at once, and completely, and the resulting **fortified** wine contains a great deal of unfermented sugar which, as noted, interacts with alcohol to give it more power. It is because of this addition of, and contact with brandy that the alcohol content of port assays at 17%.

After the new wine has been enjoyed in village celebrations for a week, the remainder is transported to warehouses in Vila Nova de Gaia where it is aged in wood for several years, and where English distillers come to purchase it and sell it under their own labels. You purchase it in wine stores as Cockburn, Croft, Harvey's, and many other brand names.

California ports are widely available, yet they vary in quality. Possibly the two most noticeable differences between California and Portuguese port is that while the Californians may be fruitier, fuller, and perhaps mellower, they lack that certain subtlety that immediately distinguishes Portuguese port. Perhaps it is, after all, simply a result of the mechanized wine-pressing.

There are some quite good California ports. Those of the Christian Brothers and Almadèn are of generally good quality. Most domestic ports sell from $3 to $5 a bottle. English exports of the 'real thing' run much higher . . . and if there is a vintage year indicated on the bottle (1963 was an especially good year) this will cost you more, although—many will claim—there is not that much difference between ports from the standpoint of **year/vintage.** Once the port has made the acquaintance of brandy some kind of mystical union takes place, and all ports become a little wacky and orgiastic. How like us!

DISTINCTIONS OF PORT

A Ruby port (the 'Rose-Red' of plane jargon) is characterized by its rich color and fruitiness. A Tawny port is somewhat lighter in color which occurs because it is kept longer in wooden casks than Ruby port, and so acquires the light hue of oak. This lighter color, in American-made ports, may often be the result of some addition of White port to red. White port, of course, is made from white grapes, although it is about as sweet as Ruby. This wine can be chilled, just as many other white wines, and finds much favor as a conversational drink with women. It is the 'Snow-White' of the happy hour aloft.

Some time ago the Portuguese legislated a change in the name of port. This was done to definitely distinguish their own from that made in other countries. So if your wine merchant carries 'Porto', snap it up! It's honest-to-goodness port from Oporto. Port is fast becoming a national favorite everywhere. Your guests will appreciate your thoughtfulness in serving it to them in one or more of these distinctive ways. It's a wonderful get-together drink, and—if taken moderately—assures clear heads all around.

Gay Florida

By David Bartel

Once upon a time, when wintertime vacationers had to rely on the roads and the rails to get from here to there, those living in snowy states east of the Rockies thought Florida. It was a Promised Land of sunshine and oranges—in spite of frequent cold spells that would often ruin a holiday. But, then and now, the one thing you could always

be sure of in Florida was that you couldn't count on the weather. When I was there a few days before Thanksgiving, gathering information for this article, it went down to 35 in Tampa—and the warmest place in the state was Key West with a showery temperature of 78.

Enter jets, exit Florida vacationers. People with limited time preferred not playing Russian roulette by gambling on the weather and began opting for sunshiny places like the Caribbean and Mexico. And the trend has galloped along year after year—to the point that Florida is no longer as popular a vacation paradise as it once was. Not even Disney World has brought back the crowds.

But I am speaking of Straight Florida—because gay Florida is a whole other bag . . . and it's on the upswing. Sad but true, when whites move out blacks move in . . . and when straights go gays come. There goes the neighborhood . . . and how good it is!

Transition is a natural thing. The face of Florida has changed greatly in recent years. Modernized cities. New highways. Shifting neighborhoods. Declining downtown areas. Booming shopping centers. And in Miami, then and now the state's No. 1 vacation spot, the utter displacement of WASPers by the Cubans—who, except for sections of Miami Beach, where the population is still heavily Jewish, have taken over the city. They are industrious, the Cubans, and when Castro expelled them and they were allowed to settle in the U.S.A. many chose to go no farther than Miami, where they entered the business world and eventually took over to the extent that Miami proper is now almost entirely Cuban. Little Cuba—that's what it is and that's what it's called.

The remaining WASPs resent their presence. The Cubans employ their own and a lot of poor whites are even poorer because there's less work available to them. Whites who in the past walked all over blacks have started whistling a different tune, almost accepting blacks as their own—in a common fight against a more powerful adversary, the Cubans. The Cubans even travel about together and in numbers are viewed as potentially dangerous to anybody who crosses their path. One of our correspondents, for example, has suggested that we change the letter code in our gay travel directory "Private Stock," from "B" to a more general key because the letter too strongly implies the presence of blacks, and not ethnics in general—which is its actual meaning; vacationers, he tells us, should be "warned" that Cubans are present. Cubans who travel in packs are seen as a source of trouble, even in gay bars—even when they themselves are gay.

The gay tourist, of course, doesn't concern himself with local politics. What he is interested in is the existence of gay places and action—and Cubans are an attractive addition by virtue of their good looks and hot blood. Yes, the Cubans have driven a lot of residents out and bars and other business establishments that formerly catered to straights have gone bust and have been forced to sell out to gay businessmen (or businessmen who cater to gays), and the result is more gay places than ever and a hotter Miami for gay guys.

In nearby Ft. Lauderdale the presence of a single establishment, the Marlin Beach Hotel on the beach, has helped drive away a lot of straights who previously frequented the area, because the place is so popular with gays who all but take over the narrow strip of sand across the road. Though people will tell you that a lot of the college kids who used to invade the beach during Beach Week at Eastertime now go elsewhere because the cops harassed them—the truth they refuse to admit is that the straight youngsters themselves and their parents view the ever-increasing gay crowd as a threat to body and soul. Some still come, but in recent years the Gulf beaches in the St. Petersburg area (especially Indian Rocks Beach) have drawn the straight crowd. Prices are lower, there is no police problem, and there is no gay threat.

Ft. Lauderdale has a lot of gay bars, and they are filled with locals as well as vacationers who stay put, and transients who pass through when boarding cruise ships at Port Everglades. A visit to any bar may, in fact, turn up a humpy Norwegian or German sailor—making this town as attractive as New York City is for its ethnic variety.

The third hottest place in the state is Key West. Gays have always made the scene but not in great numbers. Straights call our presence a kind of cancer that has gone too far to reverse. First it was one gay guy, then another, and another, ad infinitum. Now you go down and the same people who work and play Fire Island in the summer are doing their thing in Key West in the winter. You can't miss them; the place is too small for closets. Add to this the big hippie population and you have a lot of sex.

Tampa and Orlando rank fourth. Gays come because of the Gulf beaches near Tampa, and Disney World in Orlando. These cities, as well as some of the smaller towns surrounding them, have enough gay activity to keep anybody happy for, say, a week—but after that it can get pretty dismal for a big-city boy who is used to seeing a lot of new faces and action. Both cities are worth visiting, and combined with stays in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Key West make a nice vacation package.

The reason why Florida, even with its unpredictable weather, is more popular than ever with gays is not sunshine and oranges that are not always guaranteed—but instead what you cannot find in any Caribbean or Mexican port . . . an abundance of gay Americans who are into American sex. If you have traveled the world then you know that American guys are best. We have better looks and good bodies. We have relatively few hangups in bed. We go about it expertly. It is a joyous experience. We don't charge each other for it. These are

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generalizations, of course, and a lone hustler who charges for trade can bust my statements—but he is an exception. Contrast action as we know it in the States with anything you've experienced elsewhere—where they do charge and where there is great guilt (which manifests itself in macho inhibitions). Florida is American above all—and gay guys who vacation in winter will always consider it even if sunshine is iffy . . . because the action there is not.

And finally, before getting down to specifics, I must add that Florida is a good gay buy any time of the year. The beaches are as crowded in summer, not with tourists but with residents—who wouldn't dream of swimming in winter. All people, gay and straight, who want to budget their vacation dollars (and there are many these days) drive down as far as Key West in the summer, stopping to see the sights along the way—and at reduced rates. Florida can be a rich experience almost any time of the year—the possible exception being the hurricane months in late summer and early fall.

MIAMI/MIAMI BEACH

Hotels

When one thinks Miami one thinks beach—so consider staying in Miami Beach and not in Miami proper. No matter where you stay you'll be a lot happier if you have wheels because things are spread out. Transportation is all right but can be difficult and a waste of time (buses) and expensive (taxis). If you have a license then do consider renting a car while you're in town.

I personally like the **Holiday Inn** at 22nd St. and Collins Ave. in Miami Beach. Though it has its own swimming pool and sunning area (there's always somebody gay taking the rays) it has other advantages. Rates are reasonable. It is clean and comfortable. All rooms have big double beds (even if you go alone). Security is good. Management is indifferent concerning what guests you enter with. You can come and go as you please without being noticed by curious doormen, porters, etc. It's right next to the gay section of beach—Collins Park, better known as the 21st Street Beach—which is frequented by gay vacationers and locals as well as young University of Miami students (some are commercial) and humpy Cubans (some are commercial). Your room can be awfully convenient during beach hours and late at night too—because the park is cruised.

If you insist on something gay, then consider the **Windward Motel,** 16051 Collins Ave., also off the main drag in Miami Beach. There's a restaurant and a lounge for gay dancing, entertainment, etc. If you have a disco mentality and want to stay where the action is, then call this home. Private beach included.

In Miami proper, at 8000 Biscayne Blvd., you find the **8000 Club**. It's a gay complex—hotel, restaurant, bar, etc. Call it a 24-hour party—if that's what you like.

In case you're planning to stay awhile and want something in the way of an apartment—then contact **S.I.R. Apartments & Rooms**, 705 S.E. 2nd St., in Miami. Gay digs.

Wherever you stay—don't opt for one of the famous big hotels on Collins Ave. Some are openly hostile towards gays and their guests—and you'll be watched by the front desk and doormen once they get your number. If the abovementioned places don't appeal, try one of the many small motels in the area.

Restaurants

The town is filled with good restaurants and many of them are listed in the various publications given free at hotel desks. In Miami Beach **Wolfie's** is a landmark for great Jewish delicatessen food. The main restaurant is at Collins Ave. and Lincoln Rd. The branch at 21st St. and Collins Ave., near the Holiday Inn, is open all night and draws an early morning breakfast crowd of gays.

Neil's, 1675 Alton Rd., in Miami Beach is a greasy spoon that gets some of the late bar crowd for eggs.

There are gay restaurants at



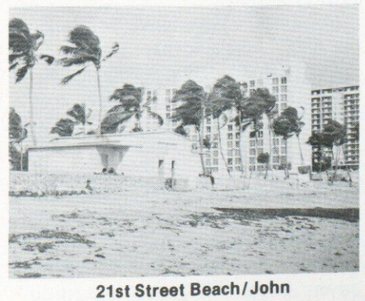
Bachelor's II


Warehouse VIII


Pin-Up



21st Street Cinema I


21st Street Beach/John

Windward Motel and 8000 Club—already mentioned. **Bachelors II**, 2837 Coral Way, in the Coral Gables section, is a popular gay restaurant which is Cuban-owned—and which is popular with gay Cubans. Another gay restaurant is the **Lion's Den,** 7140 S.W. 8th St., in Miami proper. The **Candlelight Club** (private), 2869 S.W. 27th Ave., is mixed but has a substantial gay membership. Don't bother unless you're staing in town for a long time. Downtown, if dining amongst hustlers appeals, try the **Cactus**, 2041 N.E. Biscayne Blvd.

Miami Beach Bars

In addition to the Windward Motel, already mentioned

Pin-Up, 2238 Park Ave. Open afternoons too, and the crowd is reasonably masculine. It's a short walk from the Holiday Inn and reasonably easy for a stranger to make out.

Wagon Wheel, 1211 - 17th St. Beer and wine only. Masculine.

Miami Bars

In addition to the 8000 Club, already mentioned:

Double R, 1001 N.E. 2nd Ave. Currently the hottest bar in town. The crowd is basically leather—though a lot of guys who come here will always be sissies. Amusements—including an active toilet.

El Carol, 930 LeJeune Rd. A bar of minor importance that attracts an older crowd.

Garden Of Earthly Delights, 37 N.W. 36th St. The guys are into leather and levis—though some will never cut the mustard. There are go-go boys and on Wednesdays at 9 there's oiled wrestling. Snacks too.

Gold Keg, 93 N.E. 36th St. Open afternoons too—and the john is active.

Hamlet's Hideaway, 841 N.E. 1st Ave. Just another place.

Leprechaun, 7305 Bird Rd. Older crowd. Don't bother unless you're in the neighborhood.

Nook, 255 Minorca. An old standby popular with University of Miami students and others in the Coral Gables area. Best 10 p.m. until midnight.

Pink Elephant, 13705 Biscayne Blvd. All types including lesbians. Fun nights every week. Opens late afternoon and goes until 5 a.m.

Second Landing, 820 S.W. LeJeune Rd. There are snacks and dancing.

The Pillars, 10 Biscayne Blvd. About to open as we go to press—so check with someone at one of the other bars before going in case the address in incorrect. Advance advertising tells us there will be shows and a disco, as well as a free buffet every month. Indications are that it will be leather/western, and it might draw the old Rack crowd.

Two By Two, N.E. 2nd Ave. and 2nd St. This disco is popular late and attracts some young hustlers.

Warehouse VIII, 3600 S.W. 8th St. A complex that includes the **Tool Room** for leather guys—though the dancing here has all but driven everything else away. Popular in its own right—and the parking lot surrounding the place can be rewarding.

Nearby bars include the **Hamlet,** 3416 Main H'wy in **COCONUT GROVE.** It gets a mixed crowd—but Coconut Grove is a small slice of Greenwich Village. Going towards Ft. Lauderdale (about an hour by car from Miami) you'll come to **HALLENDALE.** There you'll find **Keith's Cruise Room**, 813 S.E. 1st Ave. There are all kinds of activities, including dance contests, games, and good cruising. There's also good music and even better food. Southerners love their drag queens—and you'll find some of the bearded ladies here.

Getting closer to Ft. Lauderdale, in **HOLLYWOOD** you'll find the **Executive Room**, 715 S.W. 21st Ave. An inner bar here is **Rotten Ralph's.** Popular and good if you're in the area. **Tee-Jay's**, 2100 N. Dixie H'wy has dancing and snacks. The crowd is reasonably masculine.

Baths

Club Miami, 2991 Coral Way in Coral Gables. Typical of the Club chain—including membership requirements. We've heard it told by some very humpy vacationers in their thirties that they had trouble making out here—because the emphasis seems to be on youth—meaning guys in their early twenties are prime targets.

The **Clubhouse**, 299 S.W. 8th St., is new. By all means, give it a try. Membership required.

Over in **HOLLYWOOD** try the **Locker Room,** 1914 Hollywood Blvd. Use the rear entrance.

Movies

There are action films, gay and straight, and toilet sex at the **79th Street Twin**, 137 N.E. 79th St., in Miami Beach; and the **21st Street Cinema I**, 21st St. and Collins Ave.

Meeting Place

As already mentioned, the **Collins Park Beach** (21st Street Beach) in Miami Beach by day, and also very late at night when cars drive by and park behind the john on the beach. Some questionable types, so exercise caution. And watch for the fuzz—though the police seldom do anything about the cruisers. Be especially cautious if you carry on behind the low beach wall.

Action Spots

In Miami Beach some very cautious quickies sometimes come off in the **john on the 21st Street Beach.** Best toilet of all is in the **john at 1st St. on the Municipal Pier**. Best late afternoons. In Miami check out the **johns at Burdines (3rd fl.) and Jordan-Marsh (1st fl.) department stores**—but don't bother making a special trip. Over in Coral Gables try the **john in the L.C. Building on the University of Miami campus.**

Driving south, towards Coconut Grove, take the Rickenbacker Causeway towards the Seaquarium. Just before you pass it (you'll see its dome on your right), turn left on to the garbage dump road and take that to the end. When you reach the beach, turn right and drive on the packed sand for a short distance. You'll see cars parked here and there and groups of gays taking the sun. It's a pleasant place—and the woods behind the beach see a lot of action. Be careful—and don't forget to take a can of bug spray.

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This is part of **Virginia Beach.**

Another beach that's cruised is **Matheson Hammock Park.** The place is popular with gay and bisexual university students who like sunning nude and getting blow jobs in the bushes. When you get there go over the rocks and walk away from the crowds. You'll find what you're looking for—though perhaps not as much as at Virginia Beach.

Sightseeing

My personal opinion is that the only sight in town worth your time is **Viscaya**, the opulent estate built by James Deering, a bachelor (judging from the stories told about him, and his taste, a lot of people believe he must have been gay), and cofounder of International Harvester. He hired 1,000 artisans in 1912 to build Viscaya at a cost of $16 million. The palace is of the 16th and 17th century Renaissance period and beautifully furnished. It's on Biscayne Bay, off Federal Highway, just a short distance south of the entrance to the Rickenbacker Causeway.

Special Service.

If you're into hustlers try the **Unique Escort & Modeling Service**, by calling 891-7134 after 3 p.m.

FT. LAUDERDALE

Hotels

The **Marlin Beach Hotel**, 17 S. Atlantic Blvd., just across the road from the beach is the No. 1 drawing card for gay action. A lot of vacationers use the hotel facilities and the beach across the way day and night and don't even bother going to the other gay places in town. The **Poop Deck** serves full meals and the disco brings them in from all over. Sailors working the cruise ships with limited shore time come directly here—and make out every time.

As we go to press the **Lauderdale Beach Hotel**, 101 S. Atlantic Blvd., on the beach, is undergoing a vast refurbishing program. If it ends up being what it promises gays, it may cut deeply into the success of the Marlin Beach. By the time you read this it should be in operation.

Other places catering to gays are the **Bela Mar Motel**, 3801 N. Ocean Blvd., and the **Blue Atlantic Motel**, 2901 Rio Mar St.

If you want to limit your gay involvement there's a handy **Holiday Inn** a very short distance from the Marlin Beach Hotel, at the corner of Las Olas and Atlantic Blvds.

Restaurants/Bars

In addition to the Poop Deck at the Marlin Beach Hotel, already mentioned:

Copa, U.S. 1 and S.E. 28th St. Best late for dancing and snacks. The **Pitts** is located here; it's good late, any night, for leather/western.

Dog House, 2505 W. Broward Blvd. Nothing special.

Everglades, 1931 S. Federal H'wy. And old, popular standy. The guys are young and masculine.

Grotto, 1914 E. Oakland Park Blvd. Dancing, but the crowd is older.

Odds & Ends, 3148 N.E. 12th Ave. Young crowd.

Phases, 2839 W. Broward Blvd. There are amusements and snacks. Dancing and a young crowd.

Saloon, 219½ S.W. 1st Ave. Typical of afternoon bars.

Tacky's, 2509 W. Broward Blvd. Popular with guys who are into western/leather.

Tangerine, at 2960 Federal H'wy. Restaurant and bar plus disco. Very popular—and the upstairs **Mezzanine** is a hit with leather/western men.

Zanzibar, 214 S.W. 1st Ave. Still another stop on the rounds.

Baths

The **Gym**, 901 S.W. 27th Ave. is active day and night. Young crowd. Popular.

New—and we're not certain it's making it as we go to press is **Male Fair**, in the 2600 block of Oakland Park Blvd. The usual amusements at this membership establishment—but check to see what's happening after you arrive in town.

Movies

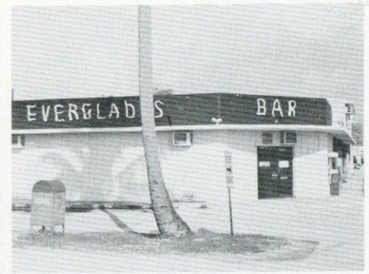
The films are hard at the **Centennial Theatre,** 3551 W. Broward Blvd. So are the dicks.

Meeting Place

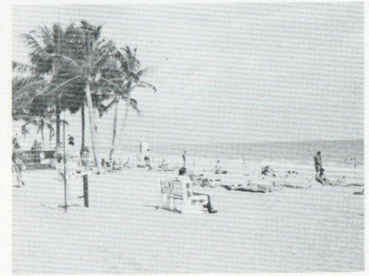
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Ft. Lauderdale Beach



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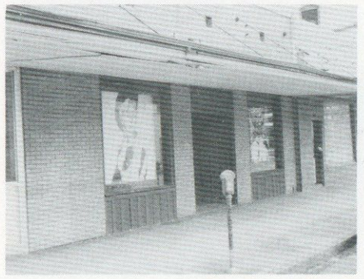
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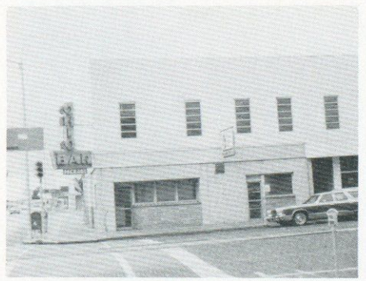
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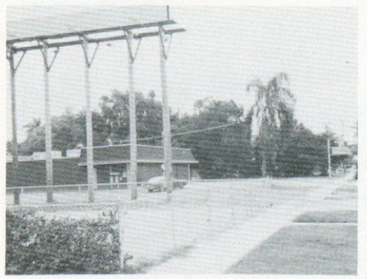
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Rene's

Hotel—even if you're not staying there.

Action Spot

Try **Dania Beach.** If you start out in Ft. Lauderdale, drive south along U.S. 1. Go past the Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport (keep Dania Beach in mind for the day you leave; it's only a few minutes from the airport), drive into the town of Dania over the canal and you'll soon reach route A1A (you'll see and old building on the southwest corner, the Cultural Center). Turn left and drive east to the ocean. When you reach it you'll pass over one bridge as you bear left, and then another (there is a food concession on the right, on the beach). Drive north on the narrow road that parallels the ocean for about a half mile. You'll notice paths breaking the thick pine trees on the right. Soon you'll see parked cars on the road. Park yours and follow the path in. This is part of a vast meat rack, and as good a place as any to start. You'll see guys in bathing suits and fully dressed roaming around and making it behing this bush and that. Be cautious as there have been police raids and muggings. If you want sun, wade across the narrow inlet to the beautiful strip of sand on the Atlantic. It's almost pristine. There is some nude sunbathing (male and female) and cruising opportunities.

Special Services

If after all this you require hustlers, try **Mother's Little Devils** by phoning 764-4440. There's also the **Unique Escort & Modeling Service** at 463-1366. And **Glamour Boys** at 564-8230. We do not recommend hustlers in any form—and advise you not to get into it unless this kind of activity is already part of your bag.

KEY WEST

Do visit but if you're looking for a lot of action—then don't plan on staying too long. Gays like the **Club Key West Motel**, 621 Truman Ave. **Delmonico's** is one of the straight discos where everybody does his thing; it's at 218 Duval St. The **Monster**, 400 Front St., is a gay restaurant which is run by the same people who run the original Monster in Cherry Grove (Fire Island) in the summer. There are hippies everywhere, and a lot of them are available for a price—but try and limit your activity to gay others and you'll be happier. You won't have any trouble finding them.

TAMPA

As beautifully modern as Tampa is, it is still a big small town—with everything that goes with such places. It's interesting enough to warrant a visit, particularly if you like the warm Gulf waters and the pretty beaches in the area—but you'll find a few days here enough.

Moreover, Florida gays are somewhat reserved and shy—and they are usually cool towards strangers. This attitude is more apparent here than in places like Miami or Ft. Lauderdale, where tourists and not locals fill the bars—and a stranger can end up going to bed alone unless he takes the initiative in starting up a conversation. So after you spot the guy you want, go on over and say hello.

Hotels

Nothing gay here—though there is a gay motel in St. Petersburg (about 45 minutes away by car—if you know the way). Really too far if you're doing your thing in Tampa—so I suggest you stay at the **Central Holiday Inn** in downtown Tampa. It's only minutes from the airport and right off the highway (I-275)—and best of all . . . three short blocks from the best cruising bar in town—the Kikiki.

Bars

Carousel, 1806 W. Platt St. For lesbians.

Cucujo's, 1725 W. Kennedy Blvd. The best lesbian bar.

El Goya, 1430 E. 7th Ave. This new gay disco occupies an historic building that formerly housed Las Novedades, until its demise, the oldest restaurant in Tampa. It was established in 1890 in the heart of Ybor City, the Cuban section of town, and was famous for its Spanish food. I feel certain Cuban grandmothers all over town make the

sign of the cross nightly over the fate of Las Novedades. The building is elegant on the outside—but the interior is bleak. At this writing it is popular—because it's new—but I think its lack of decor and pressure from locals, who surely must resent what Las Novedades has become, will hasten its demise. There are shows; when I visited shortly before Thanksgiving, preparations were under way for the First Annual Miss El Goya contest—and drag costumes littered the dance area. Live d.j. and two bars. Cover charge. Free parking. Go on weekends only because it's dull other times—as most places in town are.

Kikiki, 909 N. Tampa St. If any western/leather guys are in town you'll find them here. Tampa is too small for a pure macho bar so all types stop by—including some randy types who would look completely out of place in any gay bar—as they do here. Jukebox and two pool tables. Weekends are packed and cruising is good. Very handy if you're staying at the nearby Holiday Inn.

Ohio, 202 Polk St. It's just a block away from the Kikiki and there is some bar-hopping beteween the two—though the Ohio crowd is much raunchier. Hustlers are obvious and if you want rough stuff you'll find what you're looking for here. My advice is to stay away altogether—but if you do go, at least avoid young toughs who have small suitcases, because that's usually all they have in the world—before they get their hands on your wallet. There is a pool table. And a jukebox.

Rene's, 2605 W. Kennedy Blvd. is the best bar in town—generally speaking. You'll see guys who dig the Kikiki here too—as well as those who are into dancing. You can get here by cab but it's a lot easier if you drive—and if you know the way it's only about five minutes from the Kikiki in downtown Tampa. There's a minimum ($2 for two drinks on weekends). Plush square bar as you enter, a more intimate lounge with bar to the rear, and a decent-sized dance floor with spinning colored lights overhead and a live d.j. Also, tables for those who want to stay out of the mainstream. And there's a third bar in the disco area. The place swings all the time—though it can get dull on weekdays if nothing special is doing . . . which is why Rene's always has contests, fun nights, free buffets, etc.

There's a new place in Ybor City, only a few blocks up from El Goya, that's a horse of a different color. **Bobby's**, 1928 E. 7th Ave., features a pool table, disco—and female impersonators. Its garish plastic sign in the small parking lot out front bills the place as a spot for bisexuals. Most of the gay crowd doesn't even know about it—and the crowd can get rough.

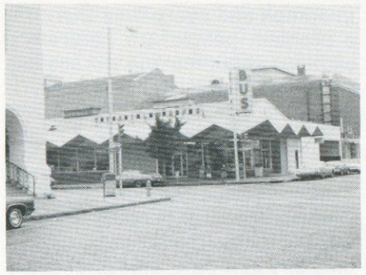
Restaurants

There are no gay eateries in Tampa. The Kikiki has a cafe but it's never open. **Ken's**, a nice diner on Kennedy Blvd. across from the University of Tampa, gets its share of gays after the bars close—and there are possibilities for that last chance at bedding down somebody if you miss scoring at the bars.

As far as restaurants in general are concerned, there are many in town, and the free directory available at hotel desks lists them all. When you're in Ybor City try **La Tropicana Cafe,** 20th St. and E. 7th Ave. Great for lunch if you like simple Spanish fare and things like deviled crabs. Strictly casual. And there's always **McDonald's,** 520 N. Tampa St. just a few blocks away from the Kikiki. Good for lunch and a light dinner. Frequented by young people, white and black, and sometimes—if you're lucky—there's cruising . . . and a handy john upstairs.

Baths

Club Tampa, 215 N. 11th St. Typical of the Club chain, but this branch has had more than its share of police problems. When it opened a few years ago it was raided. In early November it was raided—and three guys caught in a daisy chain in the orgy room were taken in and booked, etc. Word travels fast



Tampa Trailways



Tampa Municipal Beach Head



Clearwater Beach



In Town



Wedgewood Inn

in Tampa and every time there's a problem people are naturally cautious about making the scene too soon afterwards.

Action Spots

The only place in town you can actually O.D. on cock is the **Trailways** bus station at 501 Madison St. It's open 24 hours but the johns (there are two, but only one at a time is used unless the crowd warrants opening both) are best between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Quality is extremely low (nowhere else will you ever see so much white and black trash sucking each other off!) but quantity is high. One john has three stalls and there are glory holes between the partitions. Naturally, competition is keen among those waiting for a seat to get the middle stall. The other john has two stalls, with a glory hole. There's a lot of hogging by a lot of obnoxious people—but if you have the time and patience to wait it out you may connect with a super stud doing his bus thing on his way north.

Greyhound, 610 E. Polk St., is lightly cruised—mainly by bad looking guys who have bad intentions. There are no glory holes. If luck is with you you'll connect—but don't count on it.

Nearby Diversions

Driving south towards Clearwater on Route 60 you'll come to the **Tampa Municipal Beach** as you leave Tampa and enter the Courtney Campbell Causeway. There's a small building here that has two johns, one facing the beach, and the other the road. Both heads are cruised. Best time is early afternoon when workers on their lunch hour, or passing by, stop for some action. Be cautious—and don't expect much.

In nearby **CLEARWATER**—if you happen to be spending time at the beach—there's a gay bar downtown; the **In Town** is at 103 S. Garden Ave. **Clearwater Beach** is pretty, lots of white sand—and on weekends if the weather is good gay guys from Tampa and nearby towns plunk their blankets down along the stretch of beach just in front of the big water tower. But another Fire Island it ain't!

Leaving Clearwater as you drive on Missouri you'll come to the **Mid-Way Shopping Center.** Here you'll find **Fields** department store. The small toilet has only one stall—but guys connect regularly, nonetheless. In **Zayre** department store there's a glory hole but no doors on the stalls. However, the setup is good (safe) and if you happen to be there at the right time—you'll connect.

Farther south, the beaches in **ST. PETERSBURG** are nice; mainly straight. Some distance from the beach, in St. Pete proper, you'll find a gay motel—the **Wedgewood Inn**, 1701 S. 4th St. As good a place as any to stay if you're in the area—but I can't imagine gay tourists choosing St. Petersburg as a vacation spot in the first place. If you visit the restaurant or disco at the Wedgewood go on a weekend night when the place draws gay others from the surrounding cities—making a special trip out worthwhile. There's a nice bar at 7 N. 1st St. called the **Sherwood.** The famous Million Dollar Pier is across the way. St. Pete has always been a haven for the elderly—and it still is.

Not far from St. Pete proper, on your way to Clearwater on Route A19A is the **Tyrone Shopping Mall** (not to be confused with the smaller Tyrone Shopping Center). The john in **Penney's**, on the 1st floor near the elevators, is cruised—but lightly. **Sears**, at the opposite end of the Mall, has a john, also on the 1st floor, that used to be active—to the point that the stall doors were taken down to discourage activity. Some action still rears is ugly head (!) from time to time.

ORLANDO

Disney World has done wonders for the town—and there are always gay guys in town doing the Mickey Mouse thing.

Parliament House, 410 N. Orange Blossom Tr. is a gay hotel complex that includes restaurant and disco. It's about your best bet if you're staying in town a few days. Bars include the **Annex,** 60 N. Orange Ave.; **Cactus Room,** 121 N. Bumby St. (dancing); and **Odds & Ends**, 4910 Edgewater Dr. (dancing and reasonably masculine). There's toilet action at the **Greyhound** bus station.

OTHER PLACES

If you're passing through **WEST PALM BEACH** try **Le Cabaret**, 6910 S. Dixie H'wy. There's dancing. Also, **Man's Country**, 506 - 25th St., a leather/western bar. If you're staying a few days you might like the **Southwind Motel**, 2701 N. 11th St., which is popular with gays.

In **SARASOTA** try the **Sandbox,** 1002 S. Tamiami Tr. There is food and dancing.

In **LAKE WORTH**, the **Music Box,** 628 Lake Ave.

In **JACKSONVILLE** try **Brothers,** 484 May St. (dancing and reasonably butch; **French Quarter,** 527 Main St. (dancing and a likely place to connect with blacks); **Phoenix,** 2069 Phoenix Ave. (leather/western); and **Producers,** 3609 Phillips H'wy (dancing). At **JAX BEACH** try **Bo's Crowbar,** 504 N. 1st St. (daning). THere's a **Club Jacksonville** if you're into baths; it's at 1939 Hendricks St. And the johns in the **Floridian** and **Mayflower** hotels see action.

In **GAINESVILLE** try the **Melody,** 4130 N.W. 6th St. (dancing). Also, **Witch Hazel's,** 203 N.W. 1st St. (dancing). For young dick try the students in the **johns on the campus of Florida University**—namely the johns in the Library East (2nd fl.) and Walker Hall. Outside of town, **on I-75, there's toilet action at the truck stop.**

In DAYTONA BEACH you might enjoy staying at the **Sea Mist Motel**, 2657 S. Atlantic Ave., because it's popular with gays passing through. Bars include the **Hollywood,** 415 Main St. (food and dancing); **Yum Yum Tree,** 703 N. Ridgewood Ave. (food and dancing); and the **Zodiac,** 1654 S. Ridgewood Ave. (dancing).

In **PENSACOLA** try the **Red Garter**, 271 S. Palafox (dancing). For toilet action try the **San Carlos Hotel.**

CIAO!

FOR NUDISTS ONLY

Virginia Beach and Matheson Hammock Park near Miami, and Dania Beach near Ft. Lauderdale see some nudity—as already mentioned.

There is also nudity (men and women) at the following beaches: **Turtle Mound** in New Smyrna Beach; **Lido Beach** and **Siesta Key** in Sarasota; and isolated sections of **Canaveral National Seashore** in Titusville.

If you want something more organized, like nudist colonies, singles are welcome at the following (write for details since membership is generally re-required): **Chin Ka Pin Ranch,** R.F.D. 4, Box 91, Lake City, Fla. 32055; **City Retreat Naturist Park, Inc.,** P.O. Box 1005, Hudson, Fla. 33568; **Cypress Cove,** Rte. 2, Box 349, Kissimmee, Fla. 32741; **Lake Como Club,** P.O. Box 898, Lutz, Fla. 33549; **Seminole Health Club,** 3800 S.W. 142nd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33314; **Sunny Palms Lodge,** P.O. Box 3216, Florida City, Fla. 33030; **Sunny Sands Resort,** Rte. 1, Box 140, Pierson, Fla. 32080, **Valley View Farm,** Rte. 1, Box 121, Ponce de Leon, Fla. 32455. Please note that these are family places and that openly gay activity is discouraged. On the other hand—nudity can do a lot to help another guy discover his true self . . . and lucky you will be there to ease things along!

Beautiful Bath

"The City of Gold"

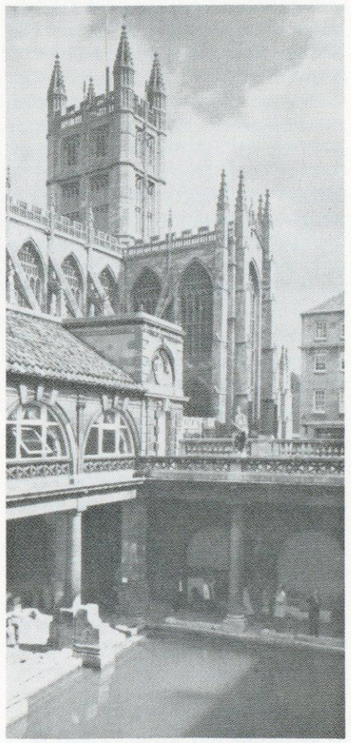
By Scott Young

Editor's note: Shortly after the following article was written, on December 3, 1976 the British Government ordered a section of the mineral springs baths at Bath closed because the town council could not afford to keep them open after the National Health Service withdrew its support. Viewing the ancient baths is not affected—and a Bath Spa Fund has been formed and is appealing for donations of $411,000 to renovate the center and the baths and open them as a private spa. It is expected that service will be resumed by summer—but you should write the Bath Tourist Information Centre, Bath, England for details if you are planning a visit.

Many idealistic gay people strive for elegance in all things. Others are moved by a nostalgia for a place they never saw in a century they never knew, yet who can identify realistically with such a period through some kind of gay ESP. Those of either persuasion, vacationing in England this summer may find what they seek in what must surely be her most beautiful small city—Bath, "the city of gold," as it is called. Looking at Bath from Bathwick Hill on the opposite side of the Avon valley, this city of graceful architecture does indeed seem to be built of gold. This is beacuse of the sandstone used in the construction of stately Georgian 'Crescent' homes which, reflecting the sun, glimmers and shimmers in tones of pink and gold.

Today the Bath one sees is pure eighteenth-century (gay ESPers would certainly not think it strange to see Jane Austen come tripping down the street!) although it is sixteen centuries old. Bath has had both a kind of Pompeiian rebirth, and a restoration in part—the result of damage in World War II. In the eleventh century the Romans found the thermal waters of Bath soothing to their aching bodies after days of conquering England. Many soldiers liked this heavenly place so much they remained and built a splendid spa which they called **Aquae Sulis**—the Sulphur Baths. Later it was partially destroyed by Saxon invaders, and was not fully excavated and restored until the nineteenth century. This Roman treasure is today the focal point of interest in Bath, along with the adjacent Bath Abbey—a towering church built on the site of the Saxon and Norman Abbeys where, on Whit Sunday of 973 A.D. the first coronation of a King of All England—King Edgar—took place.

The mosaic pavements, the original elaborate system of lead piping, and the water—still sulphuric and hot—are as they were. On some days of the year swimming is permitted here, but it is in the modern Pump Room—the virtual center of social life in Bath—that the waters are 'taken' (if you can take the smell/taste of sulphur). These same waters are piped to the Hot Springs Physical Treatment Centre for those who, as in Baden-Baden, come for 'the cure'. Also various indoor swimming pools in town are fed by these springs.



Great Roman Baths & Abbey

THINGS TO SEE

Gay people with that compelling urge for elegance will certainly want to visit the imaginatively arranged **Museum of Costume** (the largest collection in the world . . . see the many unique codpieces!). Also at No. 1 **Royal Crescent** the Bath Preservation Trust provides a fine opportunity to view a Georgian interior exactly as it was in the eighteenth century. At the **Holburne of Menstrie Museum** on Great Pulteney Street, and **Victoria Art Gallery** on Bridge Street, are important collections

of paintings, drawings, prints, silver, porcelain and glass. Of great interest is the **American Museum** at Claverton Manor which affords a fascinating glimpse into the way of life of our early New England ancestors. And for the ESPers who want to reach back in time, a short walk from the Pump Room reveals one of Bath's most famous views—the Pulteney Bridge over the River Avon. It dates from 1771—a beautifully proportioned bridge of the Adam period (it was designed by Robert Adam), complete with charming old shops on either side, all made more enchanting when floodlit. This bridge leads one on to Bathwick Hill, mentioned earlier, which not only offers the best view of the city from a distance, but also a cruising opportunity to meet a lot of chicken and teens-to-twenties guys—many gay. For here is the Youth Hostel where the handsomest young humpy-hungs from all over Britain and Europe come on holiday, and to study the fascinating Roman ruins. So if you come here on your vacation, make a point of crossing the bridge by day and night—to see the city in all its golden glory, and to get a bead on a likely trick. Also, if you're backpacking-it, and qualify for hostel residence, you can stay here. Sleeping space is 66 to 80 pence per night, and a good breakfast costs only 37 pence!

BATH'S GAY LIFE

It might not be expected that this city of about 75,000—even with visitors—could support a swinging gay life. Yet you will be surprised at the abundance of it, for all Bath's small size. It's not that there are many gay **places**; it is, rather, that there are great cruising opportunities in the flower-filled public gardens, and outside/inside Bath's several unique pubs. Take your lunch to **Parade Gardens**, for example. Enjoy it in a pastoral setting and cruise, and be cruised by, others who've come to munch, to hear a concert, or watch the Folk Dance Society practicing for the Bath Festival. A flick of the eye can trap a trick in the middle of a Morris Dance. Or you can return to the **Pump Room** again and again and usually come out with someone interesting. The better ploy here, however, is to parlay a coffee into an entire morning's cruise. There is a modest admission fee of 25 pence. Since everyone in Bath seems to be on holiday there is little reserve—the Bathonians are the friendliest people in England, and their guests are likewise loosened-up.

June is the ideal month for a visit to Bath because that is the time of the **Bath Festival.** For many years Yehudi Menuhin has conducted an excellent orchestra in Baroque music here—a musical and cultural occasion that has achieved world renown. At the same time there are various film festivals—something in the Cannes manner—along with other exhibitions special to the occasion. Thus come interesting people in all the arts, and at times there may seem to be a gay too-muchness!

OF GAY INTEREST

Those special gay guys who try for elegance will find it at the **Hole-in-the-Wall**, 16 George Street. A very elegant restaurant. This is listed in some gay guides as being a wholly gay place. Actually it is one of England's best restaurants, very expensive (meals are a minimum 6 pounds—about $9 American by current foreign exchange), which is patronized not only by lots of affluent gay people, but many affluent straights. One really comes to dine, to see and to be seen—but while no claim can be made that it is gay, it certainly is one of the most popular make-out places in Bath (or anywhere). A cruisy wink along with the **mousse au chocolat** can cap an evening right and proper! Reservations are always necessary.

Valentine's is definitely a gay 'complex'. Essentially it is a gay club/bar. Yet it also has hotel accomodations for quick tricks and longer stays. Currently it is the most popular gay gathering-place in town. Bath also has its leather; headquarters, the **Radnor Pub**. For such a gentle city it gets a little rough at times (what with invading leather/bikers)—although not to the savage extent it has reached in that other elegant resort—Brighton, recently reported on in **Ciao!**

There is also a baths—the **Milsom Street Baths**—which is mixed (but which today means little since total nudity equals total fearlessness, and so what surprises are left?). **Don't** expect the amenities of our big chain baths in the United States. **Do** expect to meet interesting others and enjoy yourself immensely.

To get a picture on gay goings-on in Bath, particularly during the Festival, you might contact the **Gay Awareness Group**, P.O. Box 86, Bath, Somerset, England. Since gay activity is obviously going to be fluid (even quicksilverish) at that time, this is the best opportunity to find out where it is. The phone is Bath 5013.

WHERE TO STAY

YMCA, Broad Street Place, unlike the Youth Hostel, is centrally located. Current rates are $2.75 (figure 2 pounds) for a single per night. If you prefer to 'dorm it' with possibly interesting others the Y assigns you, the cost is only about $1.20 (less than a current pound). All facilities, of course, and the action is not only typical of all Ys—there's more because of the influx of young visitors from bisexual Middle Europe. **Verr-y** interesting! The only critical note one might make about this Y is that the breakfast for 25 pence is so scanty you'll have to eat it twice.

You may choose to stay at one of the old/elegant/comfortable hotels such as the **Francis,** the **Lansdown Grove** or **Royal York.** Each has fewer than 100 rooms, not all with bath. Range $22 to $28 double. The **Beaufort,** new in 1973, has 100 rooms, each with bath, and rates are $30.50 for a double. Here, however, are some tips on smaller hotels and guest houses where the guests are young—students and summer nomads seeking culture (among other things) amidst the Roman ruins. They are **not gay** hotels, although propinquity can make them instantly so! Try **Mr. Smith**, 8/10 Queen Street. Central to everything at about 2 pounds, 50 pence per person. **Melrose Private Hotel**, 20 Bennett Street. Very well kept. Rates a little less per person; about 2 pounds. (In figuring costs—pounds vs dollars—as this was written the British pound was hovering around $1.60, so be guided accordingly). **Lynwood Guest House**, 6 Pulteney Gardens. Very nice; a little more expensive at around 3 pounds per person. Still quite inexpensive by our healthier dollar. If you should arrive in Bath without any place to stay, contact the **Bath Tourist Information Centre**, located in Abbey Churchyard opposite the entrance to the Pump Room. You may write beforehand if you like, or phone the Centre at 0225 28411. You should have no problem securing lodgings.

FOOD

As mentioned, the **Hole-in-the Wall** is quite expensive because this establishment is not only the last word in elegance, but each dish is prepared to order. Don't expect to find a **plat du jour** or blue-plate special. For excellent food at realistic prices you'll like any of the good pubs in Bath. Those with fixed menus include **The Saracen's Head**, on Broad Street. Also the **Green Tree**, Green Street, which has an unusual decor of wood carvings. A very pleasant place. The **Sandwich Bar**, 34 Broad Street has terrific and filling sandwiches, and if you like hearty German-style **wurst** sandwiches try the **Angel Bierkeller**, a German pub in Westgate Street, which also has grilled foods.

If you dig Greek food, the **Gay Heart Restaurant** on Gay Street (yes, there really is a Gay Street, and whatever 'gay' there may be in Bath is off, on, or near it) has a 60-pence luncheon. Lots for your money, hence lots of young guys from across the continent come here. There's authentic Indian food at **Taj Mahal** and the **Karachi** on Broad Street. Not expensive. The best Chinese places are the **Four Seasons** and **Lee's.** These, too, are on Broad Street, which makes Broad Street the 'Restaurant Alley' of Bath.

AN EVENING CRUISE

If you'd like to meet young Bathonians and perhaps strike up an interesting relationship, you'll find many of them congregating around the **Talbot Pub** just outside Bath Technical College in St. James Parade. Evenings are the time. Not gay, but heavily 'gay laced'. If you care for folk music, try the **Ring O' Bells** in Widcombe Parade. A very young, university-type crowd—again mixed, but heavily gay at times. For jazz, **The Bell**, a pub on Walcot Street, offers not only good music but good opportunities. Very young crowd, naturally, and opportunities abound. If you've allowed yourself a several days' stay in Bath, or are coming especially for the Festival, try making the rounds of these youth-oriented pubs. Somewhere along the way you'll strike your flint and a bonfire will result.

HOW TO GET TO BATH

Bath is 105 miles from London. By **rail** there are frequent mainline trains leaving from Paddington Station. Trip time is 1 hour and 40 minutes. By **car**, a 2-hour drive via M4 Motorway. By **bus**, a good 3-hour ride from Victoria Coach Station. Or if you are elsewhere in Europe and want to fly directly there, bypassing London, planes land at Bristol which is about 12 miles from Bath by bus or train.

A few days at Bath is a beautiful way to add still greater delight to your summer vacation. If you can fit it in with your other plans you'll be amply rewarded in every possible way.

Russian Cruise

A Visit To Leningrad

By Walter Norris

Many gay guys who expect to be in Scandinavian orbit this summer, doing Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki, would like to include a brief visit to Russia as part of their itinerary, but are turned off because of the drag of going through Soviet officialese in this country—especially the redtape of getting a visa, even though Intourist is cutting through more of this each year. And so we should like to surprise and hopefully delight you with the information that you **can** add a bit of Mother Russia to your vacation—and **without** a visa!

The plan is simple. Once you've done Helsinki you can board a spanking new 500-passenger cruise ship, the **Ilmatar**, on any Tuesday or Friday from May 31 (the first sailing) to September 9, at 6 p.m., and be overcome with the beauty of Lenigrad at 9 a.m. the following day. On the way over you'll have had the chance to meet some wonderful people . . . to dine on an elaborate smorgasbord . . . and be entertained by a variety of amusements before turning in.

Ciao! readers who followed our reports on the-ship-is-your-hotel cruises in the Caribbean, on the Rhine, and along the Nile, will find this mini-Russian cruise somewhat similar. The difference is that the **Ilmatar** doesn't cruise port-to-port so that one arrives at a different **city** each morning. Although it does act as your hotel, it ties up in Leningrad harbor and stays there for the three nights and two days of your visit while you bus-tour through the city and to nearby places of interest.

This unusual 'backdoor' entrance to Russia is not yet well-known to travelers through any Soviet advertising effort; rather, it has gained its great popularity by word-of-mouth . . . so much, indeed, that the former 300-passenger ship **Bore** (Boray) which plied the Gulf of Finland to Leningrad and back had to give way to the 200-berths larger **Ilmatar.**

This cruise gets an all-ages crowd, but it's mostly a young and adventurous crowd, with lots of gay guys aboard. Dress,

as it is throughout Russia, is casual. Wear jeans. There is not only disco dancing, but dancing to live music . . . a bar/lounge with slot machines . . . and there's a free sauna (which you'll be wise to reserve when you book the cruise) that's packed—lots of humpy numbers, to be sure. In these respects the Russian cruise is like most others.

ASHORE IN LENINGRAD

On arrival you may be taken aback to hear via the ship's public-address system that it is forbidden to take pictures of the harbor. Then you'll meet still more bureaucracy as you come down the gangplank to be met by two very austere officers who will take your passport, examine **you** vs. your **picture** very carefully, then give you a temporary replacement, called a **propusk**—the only valid identification you may have while on Russian soil. This entire procedure is repeated every time you return to and leave your ship! Return the **propusk,** pick up your passport; surrender the passport, take your **propusk.**

You'll be met by a guide who will speak excellent English, and—usually a female—will be very friendly and helpful. Depending on what itinerary has been decreed in Moscow, you'll be shown the sights of Leningrad—surely the most beautiful city anywhere, and which, in spring and summer, is wreathed in flowers. You'll visit the Hermitage, that library and museum that is the soul of this city . . . you may get to see a performance by the Kirov Ballet . . . or hear a concert . . . see a play . . . visit the famed St. Isaac's Cathedral (although now, like all Russian cathedrals, it is a museum) . . . the Peter-and-Paul fortress . . . Aleksandr Nevskii Monastery . . . as well as many of the historic public squares. And always, if you're in Leningrad at noon, you'll lunch at the Sadko on black bread, Chicken Kiev, or various sausages, washed down with glasses of hot Russian tea. At night, of course, you'll smorgasbord-it aboard the **Ilmatar**. The Sadko Restaurant is selected because it is a cavernous place that will accommodate 500 tourists. The Russians don't want you to be traipsin' off some place where they can't keep an eye on you.

One of the most rewarding side-tours will be a drive out to Peterhof, about 20 miles from Leningrad. This was once the palace of the czars. With its magnificent landscaped grounds and fountains it will remind you of Versailles. It has been faithfully preserved in every detail, and is one of the glories or Russia.

Also as part of your guided tour you may visit Leningrad State University. If so, develop an urge to 'go' and head for the university johns . . . that's about the only action you'll discover on your visa-less visit to Leningrad. So make the most of it!

Then you'll also have plenty of opportunity to shop in Leningrad. The Beriozhka state-run shops will now accept traveler's checks (you'll get your change in American money, not rubles), and they've also gotten as far as accepting such credit cards as Diners Club and BankAmericard.

Because you are bus-toured to different parts of this fascinating city which in summer is softened by foliage and dotted with flowers, and made unique by its many pastel-hued buildings, every hour can be a joy and put the crowning touch on your entire Scandinavian vacation.

You should book well in advance, however, which is why we are bringing this to your attention now. A brief questionnaire for the cruise must be filed several weeks before the trip. Write Bergen Line, 606 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, which handles all details of the cruises. The rates are a minimum $155 (for a 4-berth cabin) to $315 and $335 for top-grade cabins for two. The entire package includes ship accommodations, sightseeing, all meals, and evening entertainment (especially the sauna!).

Our 1977 World-Wide Gay Travel Directory is now ready. Don't take a trip without it.

Mangiare!

Adventures In Good Eating

By Jon Lorrimer

In European vacation travel the name of the game is **tour lure**, for if ever-cleverer gimmicks to get us abroad each summer were not being continually devised most of us would still be cruising the same old summer stamping-grounds here at home. But just when it might seem that every possible lure had been dreamed up, along comes a really delightful new idea. It's called Adventure Gastronomia—the brainchild of Romanda Tours of Port Jefferson, New York.

The overall plan of Adventure Gastronomia is an eight-day escorted tour of fantastic dining places in Italy, although—with many options available—some tours extend north into Austria. The most popular—and probably the most appealing to gay guys, because the heart of the tour is Florence, the 'City of David'—is the Tuscan Tour. This includes roundtrip airfare from New York, three nights in Florence, three in the Dolomites and one night in Milan . . . with continental breakfast and dinner (based on the finest gourmet menus), roundtrip transfers between airport and hotels, and between cities, as well as freeing you from all those pesky details about baggage, tips and taxes. All you do is just **mangiare** . . . dig in and enjoy! Although this idea of eating right up to your elbow may scare off the wasp-waistwatchers (''Italy,'' they'll groan, ''and all that pasta . . . **basta**!''), the fact is that, in the main, Tuscan/Florentine cooking is so light and calorie-low (and we'll explain why in a moment) you can gorge yourself for a full eight days and return home with your belt hitched in the same notch. You forget calories (itself a vacation) and live it up with Lucullus.

The secret of stay-thin Florentine/Tuscan cuisine is that the cook relies principally on three low-calorie foods: fish, veal and fresh vegetables, plus the fact that the sauces he creates for them are as simple as they are simply divine, and create no problems for the waistline. So let us savor some sample gourmet meals of this Tuscan Tour and you'll see how streamlined you'll stay—all the way.

Your first stop is Castiglione della Pescaia on Italy's western coast. Visitors from the north love this place—especially those humpy summer guys from Scandinavia. It is reached through a pine forest, dominated by a medieval castle which looks down on the picturesque fishing boats in the harbor. Since much of your tour will be given to exploring the scenic wonders of each place, you'll want to scale the heights and look across at the island of Elba and Monte Cristo a few miles offshore. This will whet your appetite for lunch at the famous **Riva del Sole**, a beach resort where the specialty is an unusual presentation of hot and cold hors d'oeuvre prepared on two different bases: one, **crostini** (paper-thin slices of fried bread) will have meat fillings; the other will simply be crisp, fresh mini-leaves of romaine piled with a dozen kinds of fish and shellfish. This leads to a magnificent veal chop, and a fruit cup of Tuscany's ripest, freshest and best.

That evening you'll dine in town at the **Hotel Miramare.** Again, an astounding buffet of unusual hors d'oeuvre, while the main gourse witll be a gourmet Tuscan bouillabaisse in which you'll find an entire fish! Marvelously seasoned, it's by no means calorie-high, thus allowing you a whipped-before-your-eyes **zabaglione** for dessert.

Next day you'll be off to Punta Ala, a private estate with many hotels, a golf course, tennis courts, swimming, sunning, cruising (take your time)—even polo, if you've a mind to. Lunch at **Piccolo Hotel Alleluja** where instead of the Tuscan hors d'oeuvre of the day before you'll be tempted with fresh local olives and nuts and a wonderful aged Parmesan cheese—on **crostini,** if you like. Let yourself go a little with the next course, a six-inch patty shell with large macaroni in a delicious light sauce—not too filling (one of the few 'pasta times')—plus soup, roast beef done to a turn, and for dessert, fresh Tuscan strawberries.

Then on to Florence—the small city with the big names: Giotto, Fra Angelico and Michelangelo, in the arts. Dante in literature; Galileo in science; Cellini in artisanship; Machiavelli in government; plus the entire family Medici. From Florence you'll make gourmet diversions out of town. Your first night will find you dining at your hotel, the **Croce di Malta**, where the accent is on the freshest vegetables: gourmet preparations of asparagus, artichokes, celery and cucumbers; and your main course will be something low-calorie and mouthwatering, such as their famous rack of veal cook in **chianti classico**. At another time in Florence you'll dine at **La Loggia**, whose beautiful garden overlooks the city of Michelangelo from the Plaza Michelangelo. Again fabulous hors d'oeuvre . . . again a sumptuous main course. Their Beef Wellington has the crispest, thinnest crust ever. Local tiny peas cooked with diced ham . . . **risotto** made with short-grained Italian rice . . . and the meal is topped off with Florentine **gelati** . . . ice cream with Grand Marnier.

You'll also enjoy gourmandizing at **Sabatini**, a famous restaurant on a narrow street near the railroad center. Your first course will be an unusual presentation of giant asparagus . . . then veal with a spinach puree . . . and for dessert, sponge cake laced with brandy and butterscotch! Since the veal course will have kept the calorie-count of the meal quite low—along with almost no-caloried vegetables—you can splurge without qualms on such a magnificent dessert.

As your tour takes you into the Dolomites where the air is crisper and drier, the food is heartier. Your hors d'oeuvre will be just one: prosciutto with chopped raw vegetables. Consommé follows, then trout, and a splendid **tournedos Rossini**, a filet of choice beef topped with a medallion of goose-liver paté. Filling, gourmet, inspired, and just right for the higher altitude. This meal is served at the **Romanda Hotel** in the town of Livico, from which comes the name Romanda Tours. It makes a perfect last stop on your way back home, and a journey into gastronomy you'll never forget, and which will have left your waistline as 'waspish' as before.

If you gain weight easily, and really have to exercise Spartan discipline in holding your waistline, you might care to try this trick in case you happen to overeat on the tour. **Lose three pounds** before you fly off to Tuscany. Then, if you are tempted beyond your powers to resist, the most you will gain in eight days of gourmandizing will be no more than the three pounds you shed. This is also a good tip for those vacationing anywhere—especially in 'pasta' areas, or in countries with such a highly individualized cuisine that **not** to eat as much as one wants—and/or to have to drearily count calories—spoils the vacation. It is easy to set a weight-loss goal of three pounds beforehand. Then, if you should regain them through overindulgence, your waistline will still be no larger than it always is.

Another advantage of such a tour is that it takes place during the high season when hotel bookings are otherwise hard to make. It would seem that these tours have an in with roomy, comfortable second-class hotels where most seasoned travelers like to stay. The gourmet dining, however, is a thing apart—nothing but high-on-the-hog, first-class superior all the way!

Still another advantage is that such tours give one—particularly the gay individual—plenty of opportunity to get away, once arrived in a new place. So take along a copy of our gay travel guide ''Private Stock'' and you'll have at the thumbnail ready a list of gay places. You'll lose no time. You can always be back in time for those Tuscan hors d'oeuvre! An eight-day tour like

this costs at present about $570, all inclusive. If you'd like to know more about Adventure Gastronomia, write Sergio R. Bosco, Romanda Tours, Inc., 568 Jefferson Shopping Plaza, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. 11776. It's a whole 'nother way to spend a vacation.

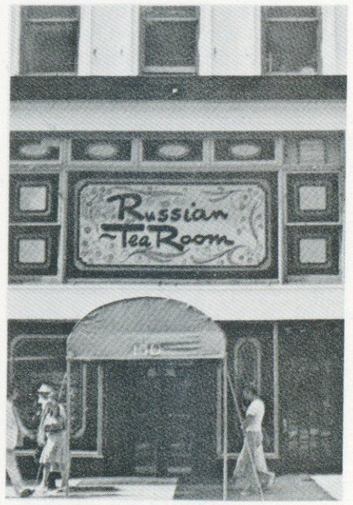
Gay Dining

By The Editors

The Russian Tea Room is not a tearoom, either in the usual or gay sense. It's not one of those faded-wallpaper places where little gray ladies (Russian or otherwise) come in the afternoon for a watercress sandwich, and remain to gossip through three round-trips of the same teabag. And though gay guys flock here, especially during the ballet season (practically all-year now), it's not specifically gay. Truth to tell, although gay people made this popular New York restaurant the fascinating, don't-miss place it is, its clientele is a 'plaid weave' of people in the arts, advertising and fashion. The RTR is crowded from noon through late evening supper on those days when some great performer is appearing next door at Carnegie Hall, and it's absolutely jam-packed with balletomanes when word gets around that Nureyev or Baryshnikov is due to appear. It's **the** place to be at that time, and the atmosphere is so balletic you'll feel a little insecure if you don't **jeté** inside in your toe shoes.

That the Russian Tea Room is really not Russian through-and-through is not important, either. The owner, for example, is Plum Burwell; Plum, now Mrs. Stewart Gordon, is a ''Y'all come, heah!'' North Carolinian who studied drama at Northwestern and appeared in **New Faces of 1952** with Eartha Kitt and Paul Lynde. So if you see a lively lady in denim bouncing around, seeing that you are comfortable and well fed, that's Plum. Before her recent marriage she was the widow of the Russian founder of this place, Sidney Kalmanovitch, whose authentic Russian recipes are scrupulously preserved and followed today.

Her two **maitre d's** are ''Mr. Honeybun,'' as some address this nice guy—actually the very handsome, elegant Mr. Honigsberg (a German), and Mr. Neill, Irish, who until recently had his own famous restaurant in the Bronx. Of the at-least twenty waiters who serve the RTR—all of them dressed in Russian peasant blouses—only a very few are Russian, although among them they speak twenty languages! Study their faces and you'll note that many are of Oriental cast, some Spanish—various others. Then, too, the day chef is Puerto Rican; the night chef is Japanese. But between them they produce food so ecstatically Russian even Nureyev or Baryshnikov couldn't tell the difference. And to whet your appetite the bartender will make you the most Russian Bloody Mary west of Moscow. But from the huge copper samovar in the window, through the entire restaurant, with its antique Russian clock, its murals depicting ballet scenes, and its collection of theatre posters, the ambience is wholly Russian.



Come in for a bowl of their pinky **borscht**; or their incomparable Chicken Kiev (spurting with butter); or **kulebiaka** (a delicate chicken pie); their **blini** (tiny Russian **crêpes** filled with red caviar and sour cream). Those in the know come on Wednesday for lunch when the RTR serves its authentic Siberian **palmeny**—these are ground-beef balls flavored with dill, wrapped in pastry and cooked in broth . . . the Russian version of wonton or ravioli. Top this off with the RTR special dessert: **crème Russe**, a concoction of whipped cream, ice cream slivered almonds and grenadine. Reservations are needed for Wednesday lunch, and for dinner after eight. Early dinner is usually no problem except when a Horowitz is playing at Carnegie Hall. A meal of four courses costs from $8.50 to $13.75—with wine, taxes and tip additional. The address is 150 West 57th Street, near Seventh Avenue, and the telephone is (212) 265-0947.

Recipes From Around The World

Gathered by The Editors

As important as cocktails are before dinner, **caffe espresso** afterward has become part of the complete hospitality ritual . . . a perfect topping-off of a thoughfully-planned and well-prepared meal. Although coffee has always been served after dinner in American homes and restaurants, until recently it has usually been the breakfast-blend type. Breakfast coffee goes perfectly with breakfast, of course . . . even lunch . . . but following a really excellent dinner it is somewhat down-putting. It doesn't give a fine meal the 'exclamation point' that **espresso** does.

Because **espresso** coffee is roasted longer it is darker in color, stronger, has greater body and differs in every way from the breakfast blends as night the day, purists believe that unless it is done the 'authentic' Italian way—in a huge, gleaming urn in which steam is forced through the coffee to make the **essenza**—it isn't true **espresso**. Well, giving the purist a point in that **espresso** means forced, or expressed, the fact is that few Italians, even the wealthy, have such elaborate equipment in their kitchens. Fewer still would care to go through the tortuous process of 'steaming up' for a few cups of this delicious coffee when a simple, small, stainless-steel drip pot does it so well.

The most important thing about making **espresso** is the coffee itself. If you have a gourmet food store, department store, or a coffee-roasting establishment in your community, buy Italian roast (if you want it at very strong), or French roast (a somewhat lighter roast), or Austrian roast (lighter still, but much heavier than the richest breakfast blend). Buy it in the bean—unground—and grind it yourself in just the amount you need each time. Small coffee-grinders (Moulinex, Krupps or Braun) are available for about $13 in a housewares store. Buying a pound of **espresso** coffee and having the whole amount ground for you is impractical. Any coffee, having been exposed to the air once ground, begins to rapidly lose its body and aroma.

If you must have it ground for you, buy in very small quantities (a quarter of a pound at a time). The wrap the remainder in something air-proof, watertight, such as Saran or other plastic, and store it in the refrigerator (not the freezing compartment). It will stay fresher longer.

If you grind the coffee, set your machine for **pulverized** because then, as the water drips through, all the essence of the coffee is expressed and you really **can** say that you have **caffe espresso**. Never use a 'percolator' or 'all-purpose' grind. The hot water goes through it so quickly that the completeness and strength of the coffee cannot be brought out.

The French housewife (and most French restaurants anywhere—especially in New York; even the very high-priced, **grand luxe**) use aluminum pots)inexpensive), and make a delicious brew that is always fresh since it can be made individually or for just a few persons.

Also, some have brought from France the delightful custom of serving **espresso** not as demi-**tasse**, but demi-**verre** . . . in small thick glasses holding four or five ounces, instead of the usual small cups. If you haven't tried it, please do . . . it will delight your guests. Tip: when pouring hot coffee even into the thickest glasses, put a spoon in until you have filled the glass. It prevents breakage. Also, **demi-verre espresso** is never messy, particularly if you are having coffee in the living room, there being no saucer to balance or contend with. Besides, it's lots more 'conversational'. You'll get plenty of requests for seconds. Fine . . . because it's easy to prepare, as you will see in the following examples.

Italian Drip Method. If you use a small to medium-size stainless-steel Italian drip pot, fill the bottom pot with water to a little less than an inch from the top. Insert your filter basket, and put **two** tablespoons of **pulverized** dark-roast coffee in it for every **three-quarters** cup of water used. Just before putting in the coffee, fluff it up a little with a spoon or fork to get some air and lightness into it. Coffee is quite oily, and in the pulverization process it tends to pack. By fluffing it a little, the water can whoosh through it better and bring out more flavor. Now place the top pot on. Bring the water to a boil. While it boils it will rise to the top pot, passing through the pulverized coffee on its merry way. When all the water has risen you'll hear gurgles. Remove the pot from the heat. It's ready for serving.

Neapolitan Coffee Maker. The **espresso** principle is the same here except that the **macchina** is so arranged that when the water boils, the machine is inverted and the water seeps **down** through the coffee. Equally delicious.

The principal difference between stainless-steel and aluminum coffee-makers is that the heavier steel entraps the heat for a longer time. Coffee made in an aluminum drip-pot often needs reheating, and this tends to make the coffee a trifle bitter. Invest in a stainless-steel **espresso** and save yourself a lot of worry.

Percolator Method. You can, of course, get an approximation of the real **espresso** by using a percolator with a filter to catch the sediment, and simply brew it as you would regular coffee. It should be accurately timed, however, because if it is done hit-or-miss that's just the way it will turn out.

Instant espresso coffee is an abomination. If you are one who dislikes instant or freeze-dried coffee or (horrors!) already-bottled or instant ice tea, you'll have the same aversion to instant **espresso.**

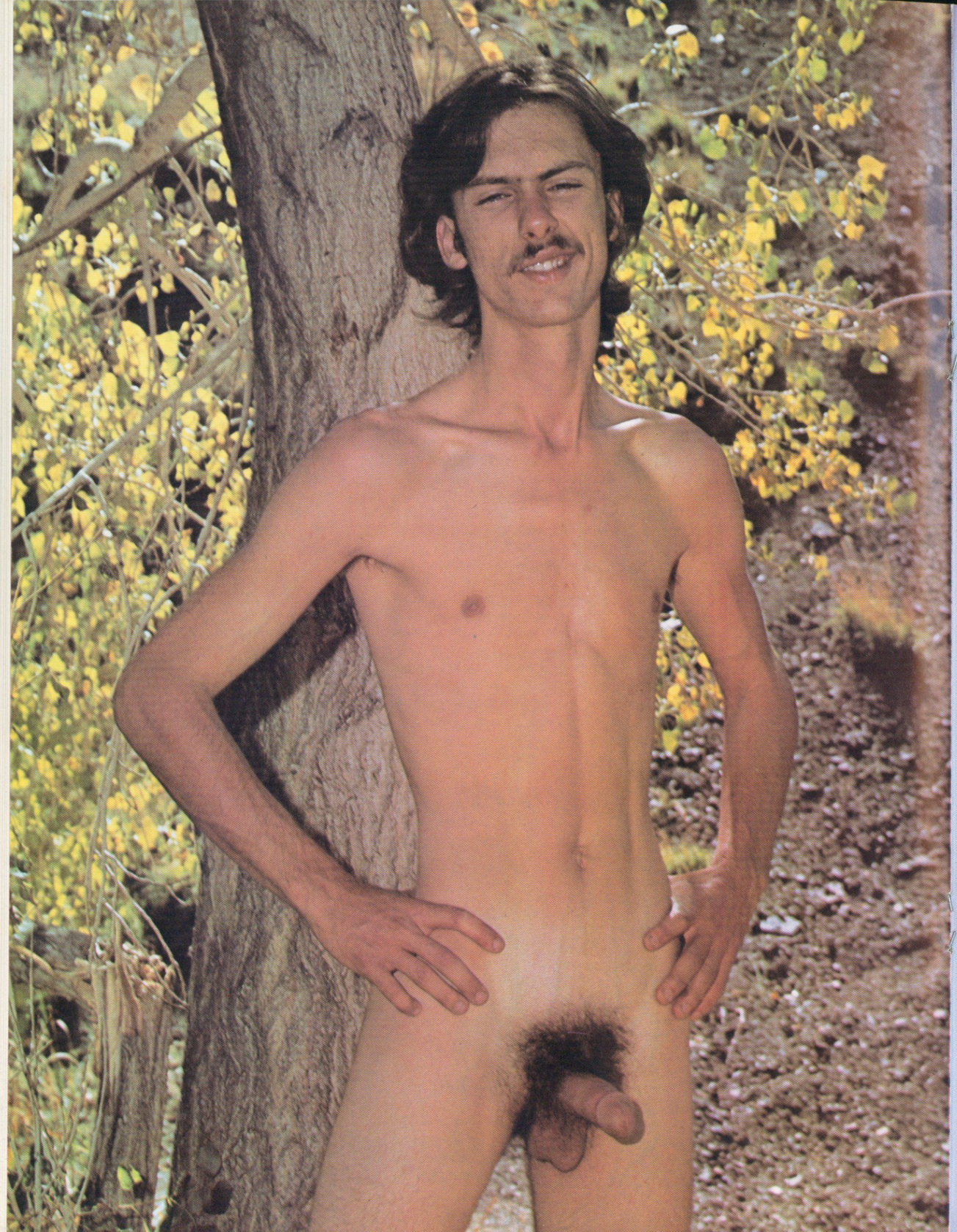
Espresso may be sweetened, if you like. Also, some like it with just a little twist of lemon peel. And connoisseurs agree that a dash of Cognac, grappa (Italian brandy), anisette (very Italian) or some other liqueur, makes **espresso** coffee **bravissimo bene!**

Book Review

By The Editors

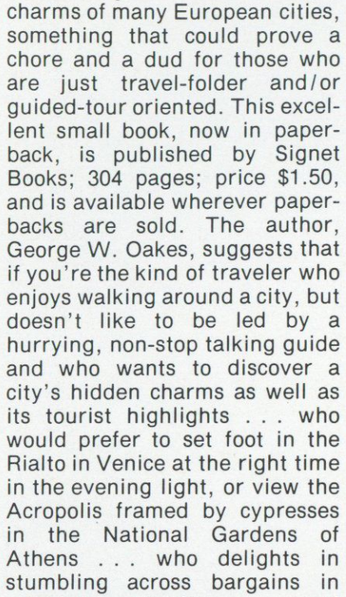
Gay guys going anywhere on vacation—particularly abroad—take along our gay travel guide ''Private Stock'' because it's updated every year, and they know that the moment they arrive in any city, no matter where, they can quickly get the hotel formalities over with and be out cruising the coded recommended places—bars, baths, boulevards and action spots. It's five dollars well spent to keep you from wasting time.

So spend and extra couple of bucks for **Turn Right At The Fountain.** Gay it's not, but like ''Private Stock'' it continues to be updated and is just about the simplest and best way of really





discovering the other-than-gay charms of many European cities, something that could prove a chore and a dud for those who are just travel-folder and/or guided-tour oriented. This excellent small book, now in paperback, is published by Signet Books; 304 pages; price $1.50, and is available wherever paperbacks are sold. The author, George W. Oakes, suggests that if you're the kind of traveler who enjoys walking around a city, but doesn't like to be led by a hurrying, non-stop talking guide and who wants to discover a city's hidden charms as well as its tourist highlights . . . who would prefer to set foot in the Rialto in Venice at the right time in the evening light, or view the Acropolis framed by cypresses in the National Gardens of Athens . . . who delights in stumbling across bargains in out-of-the-way shops . . . and find secluded bistros, hidden courtyards—the offbeat, interesting and worthwhile . . . then his **Turn Right At The Fountain** is for you.



In each of the cities covered, Mr. Oakes places his traveler at a particular take-off point of interest, and with the help of a simply-drawn map to 'fan out' from there. He believes that unless you walk you will miss many places that buses/tour-guides merely whisk you by without your getting a chance to savor their special characteristics. Moreover, it's the answer—actually the 'antidote'—for those know-it-all voluminous Fielding-type guides that leave you as befogged as before, and which are more intent on being clever than helpful. And as Mr. Oakes says . . . ''Aimless strolling . . . just wandering wherever your fancy suggests . . . can be a delight. But if you wish to visit the main places of interest it will take weeks or even months to get to know a European city this way. The stroller who would like to see all that is great and beautiful and interesting in a reasonable length of time must follow a carefully planned route.'' So with this in mind he shows you how to **Turn Right At The Fountain** and see fascinating places you otherwise might miss in London, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh. The first half of the book is devoted to Great Britain. In the second half you are on the continent, starting out on the same eye-opening walking tours to see the glories and beauties (other than male) of Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Bruges, Brussels, Rome, Paris, and then on to Florence, Venice, Vienna, Munich, Geneva, Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo and Segovia, before winding up under the cypress trees of Athens.

After reading this book (and you can't put it down until you've finished the last page!) you're going to take it with you, and whenever you're not cruising up a storm in the cities mentioned, you'll have a friendly 'straight' companion to walk along with you as you drench yourself with the culture and nostalgia of all those storybook places you've read about—and possibly have visited—but never really **saw! Turn Right At The Fountain** is that kind of book, and you should have it.

Gay World News & Notes

Alto . . . The fate of an Episcopal priest in this small Tennessee community is not yet known, but the same legal device which was used to bring Harry Reems of ''Deep Throat'' fame to trial and conviction in Memphis—involvement in the transportation of porno across state lines—is being used against Rev. Claudius Ira (Bud) Vermilye, who has been charged with making films of children performing sodomy and fellatio and sending them (the films) around the country. A former resident of his rehabilitative home for teenage boys, Boys Farm, Inc., is believed to have made charges.

Washington . . . The wedding of two homosexuals at an Episcopal church here has been canceled in the face of threats of official disapproval and economic sanctions against the parish. Wayne Schwandt, 27, and John Fortunary, 29, were to have been married when the Rt. Rev. John T. Walker, bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington stepped in to veto the ceremony—further adding that if the parish persisted the diocese would cut off about $7,000 in annual financial aid. At issue is interpretation of the Episcopal Church's resolution adopted at its September 1976 General Convention. That resolution declared that homosexuals are fully entitled to ''the love, acceptance and pastoral concern and care of the church.''

New York . . . The fourth annual conference of the Gay Academic Union held at Columbia University recently urged homosexuals to develop test cases involving new local laws designed to protect their rights to see if the legislation ''has any force behind it.''

St. Louis . . . C.B. radios are being used for everything these days. Gays being harassed in Forest Park have equipped their cars with sets. They patrol the park at night and swoop in with baseball bats when a gay guy with his pants down in the bushes is attacked by straight toughs. The group also insists that it is trying to discourage gays from doing it in the bushes in the first place. Seems nobody comes out a winner in this game.

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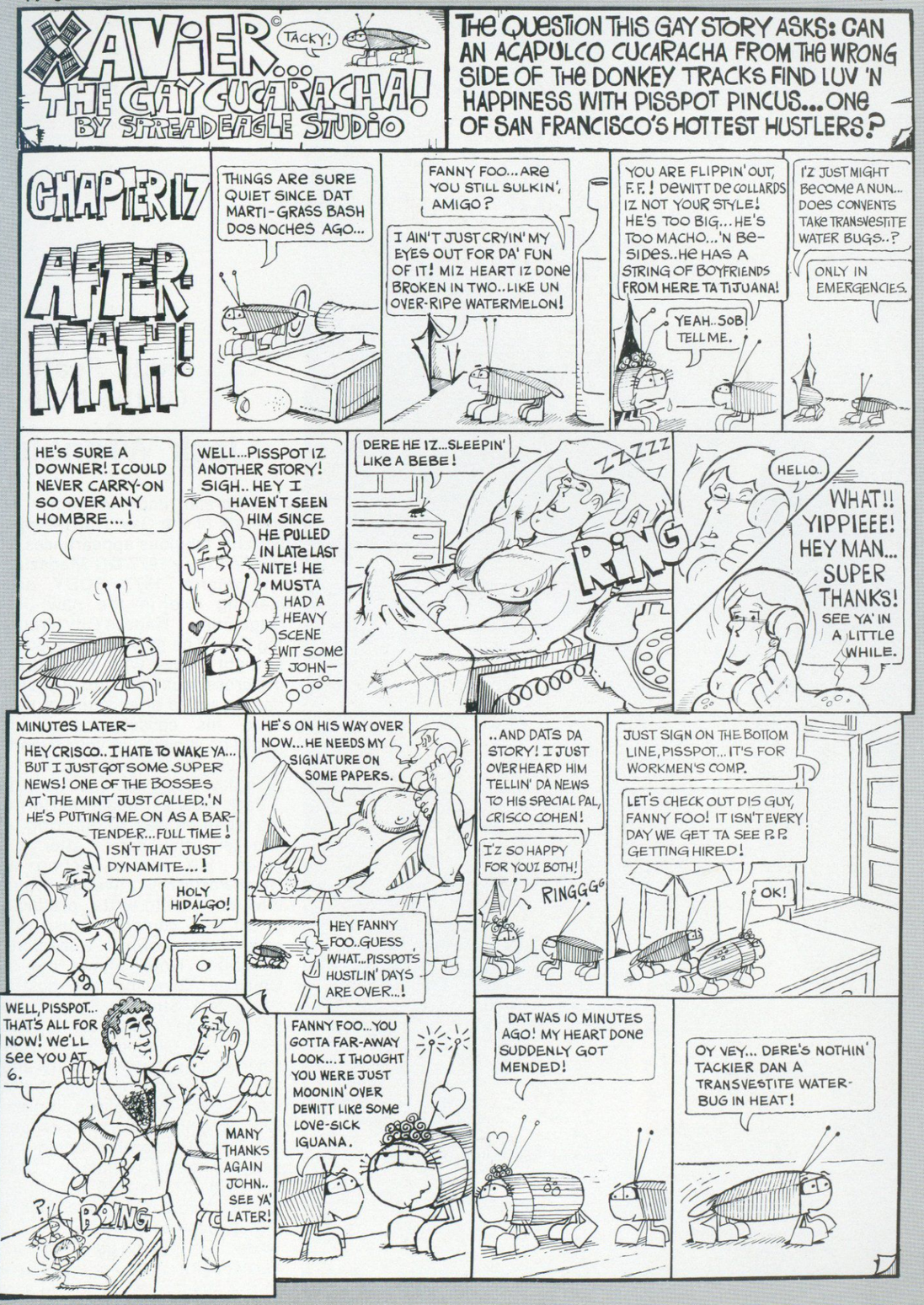




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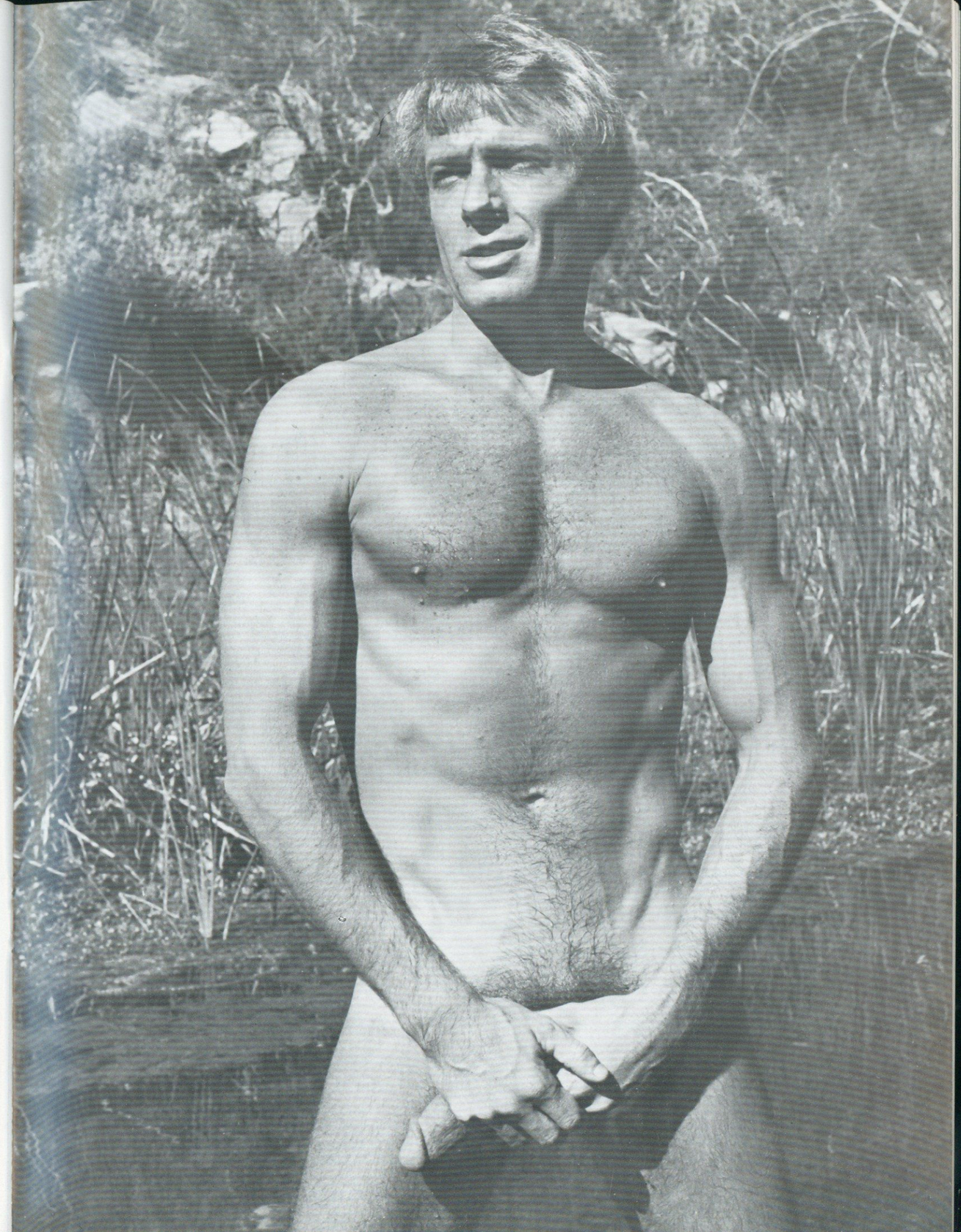
Jack Wrangler

Superstar Jack Wrangler is the talk of the Gay Town—what with his fabulous appearances in the February 1977 **QQ Magazine** and March 1977 **BODY** and starring role in the new Joe Gage Film, ''Kansas City Trucking Co.'' The movie tells about a straight trucker who, while driving cross country to Los Angeles has ''a series of encounters that raise his consciousness.'' It might be showing at your friendly adult theatre right now—so rush downtown and check it out.

Jack, now 24, began performing when he was 10, starring in one television series after another. He studied acting at Northwestern University and later went on to write, produce, direct and compose music for several revues which were done by Hilton Hotel Shows out of Chicago. There he also hosted ''The Jack Stillman Show.'' As an actor he later starred with Hermoine Gingold in ''Dear Charles'' in New York City and Chicago. These credits are but a few of Jack Wrangler's impressive accomplishments—perhaps his most memorable being his starring role as Dennis in ''Special Friends'' in 1975.

We welcome Jack Wrangler to our pages—and invite you to write him personally. His advertisement appears elsewhere in this magazine.

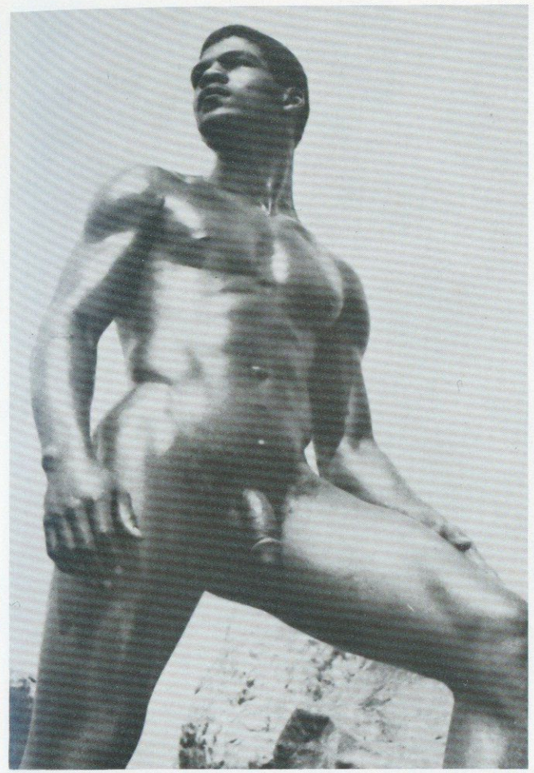
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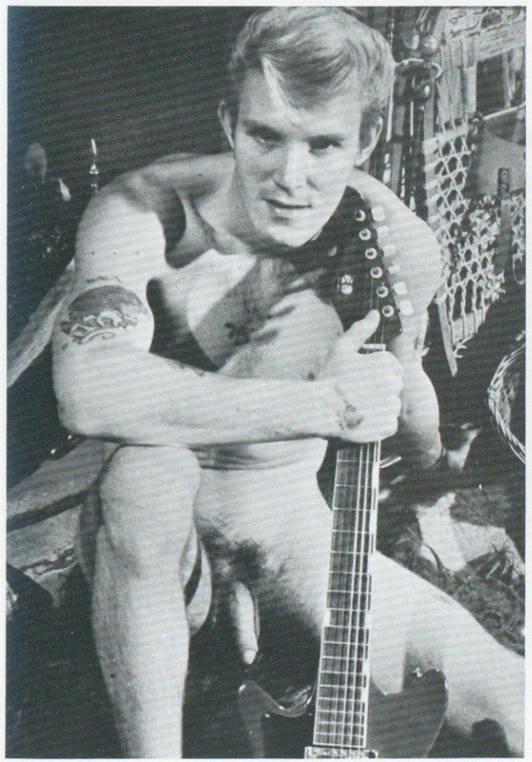
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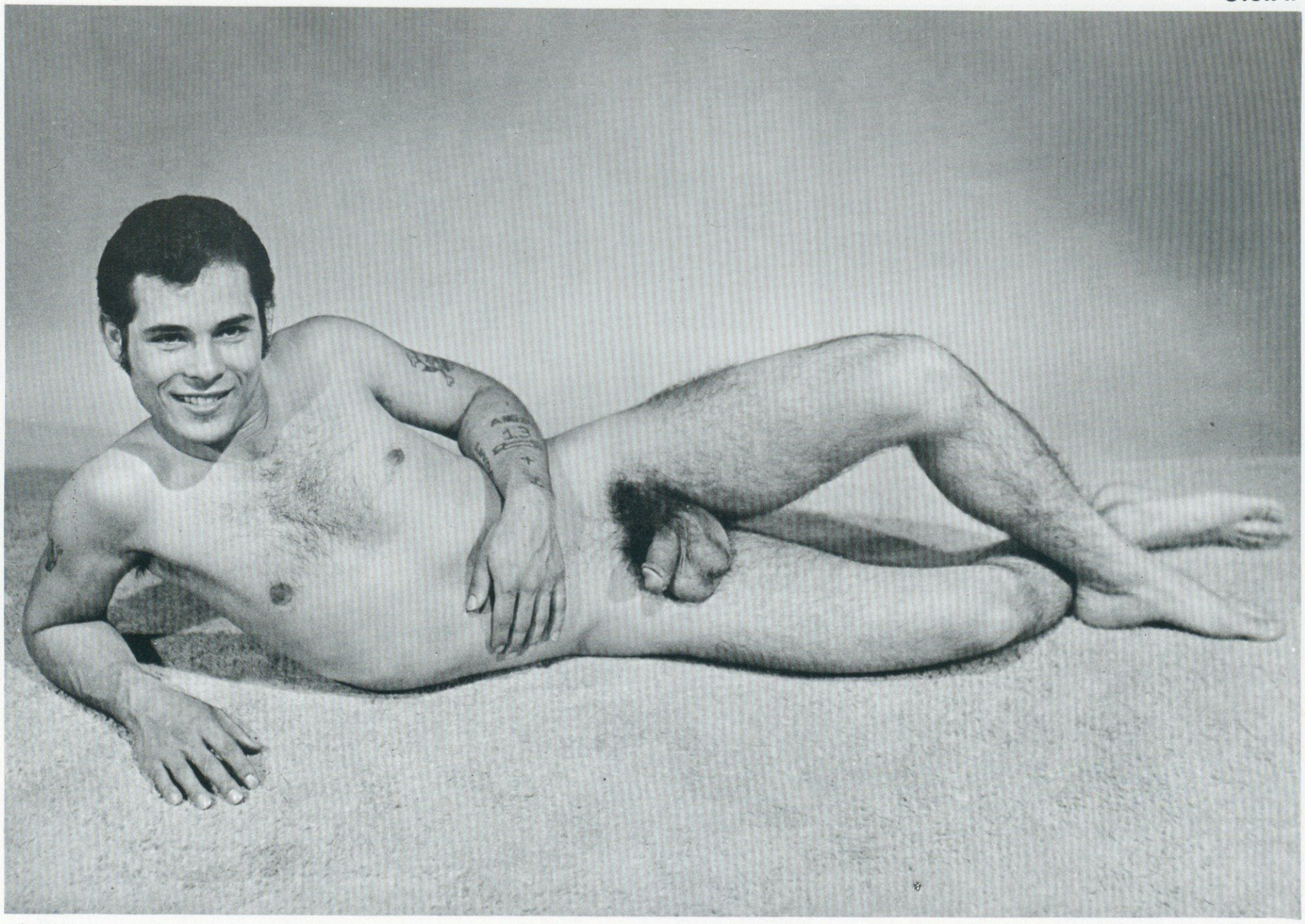


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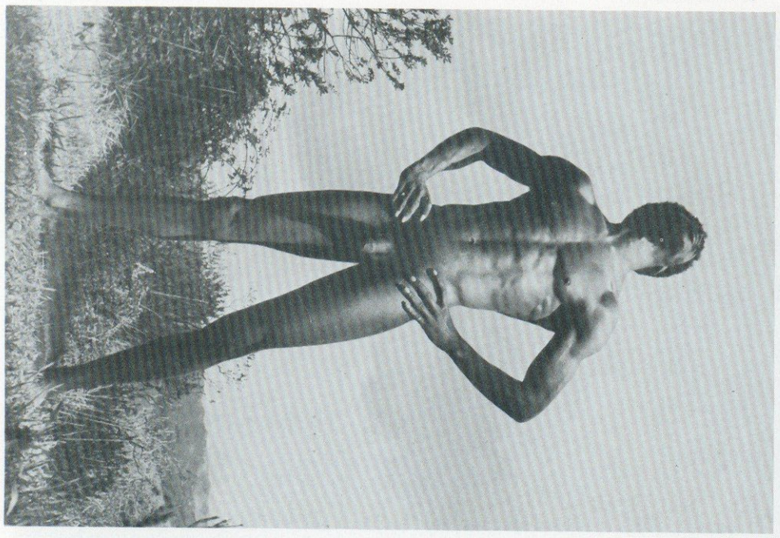


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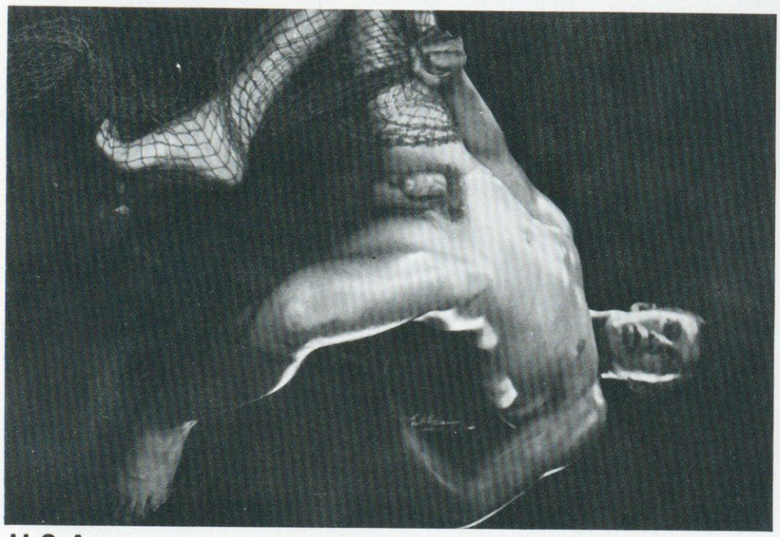
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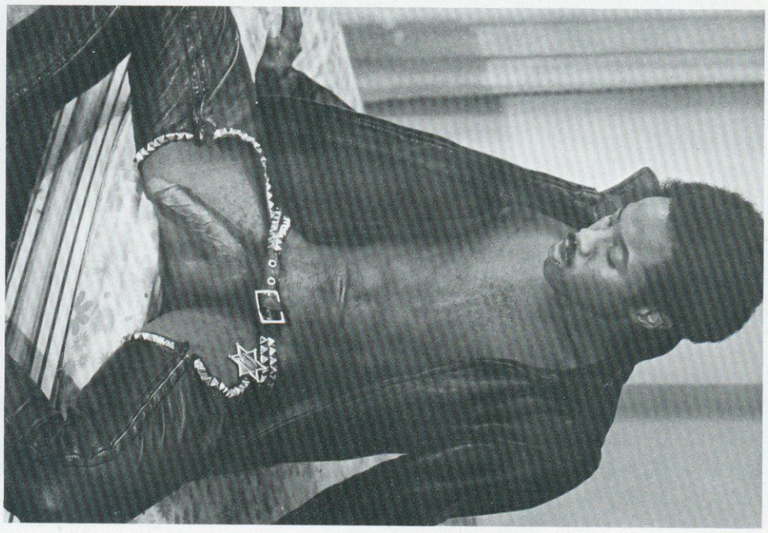
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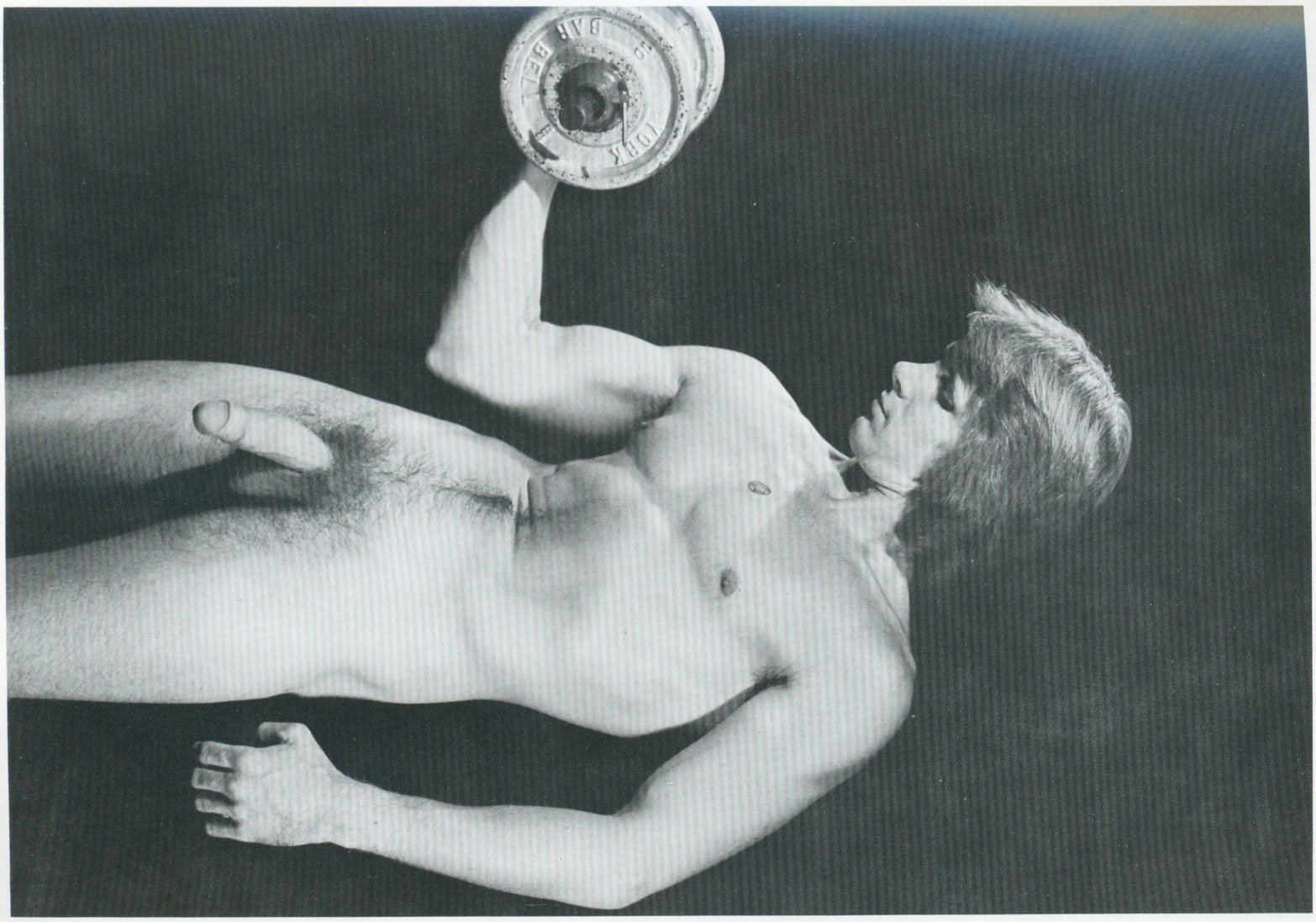
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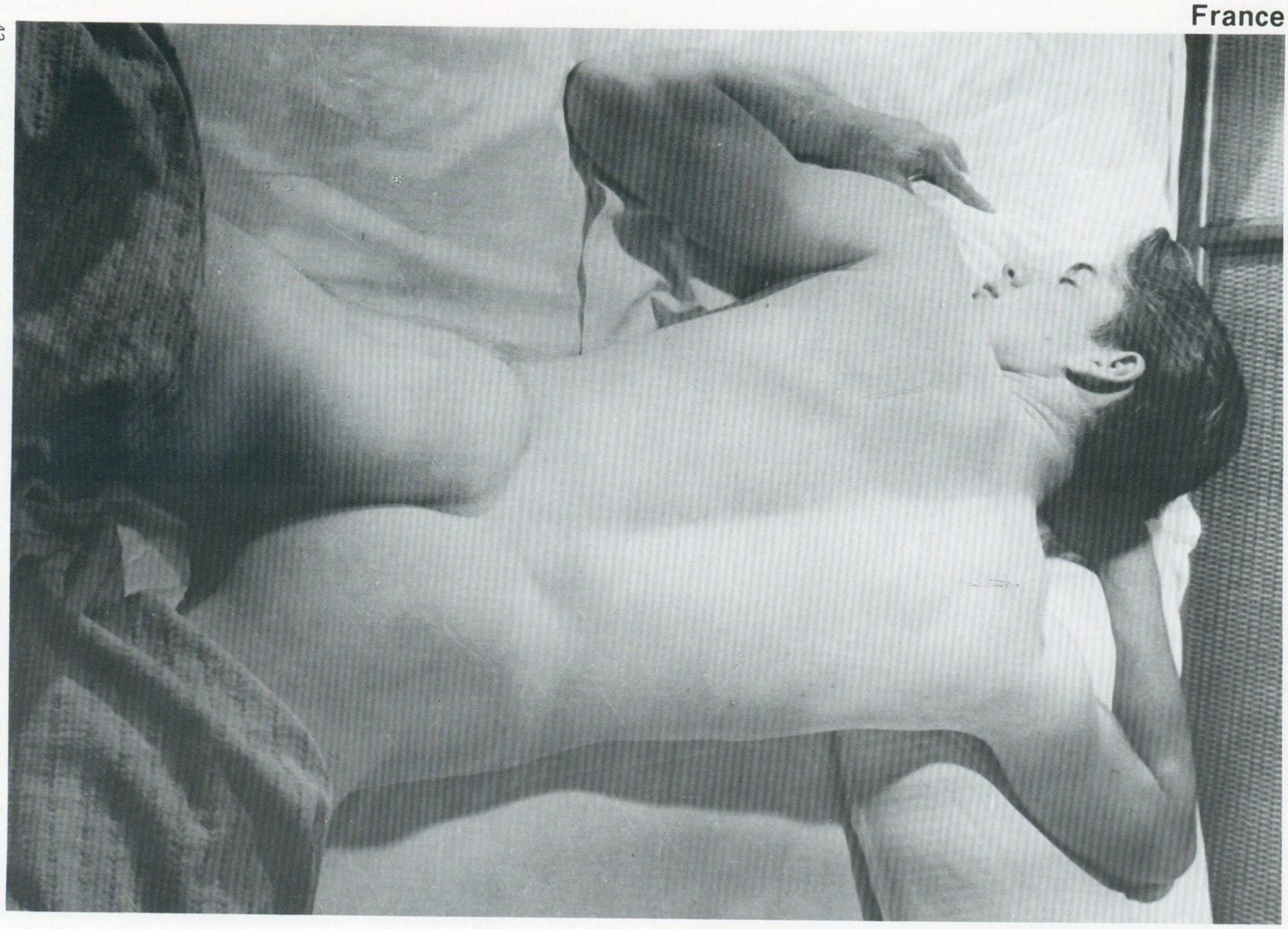
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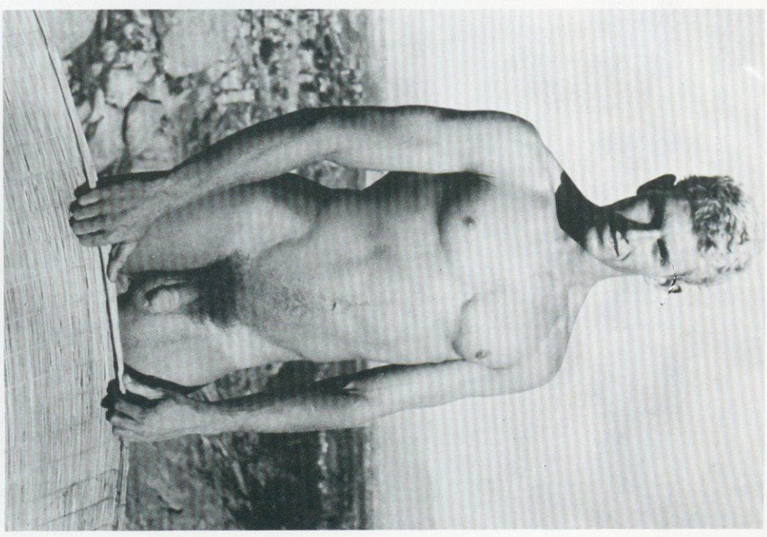
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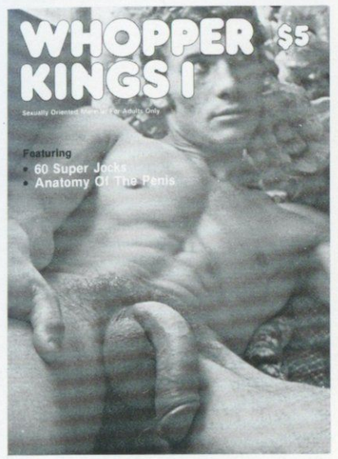
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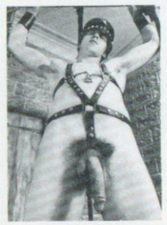
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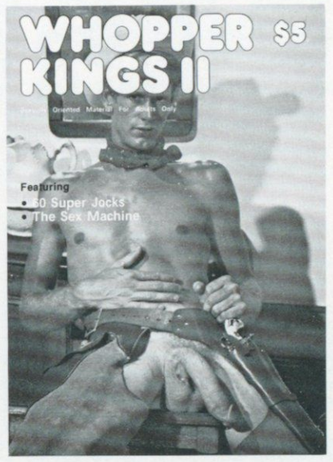












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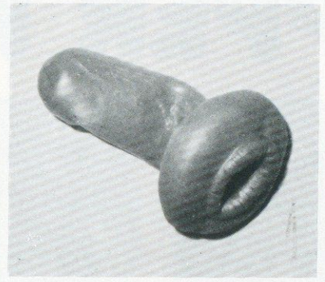


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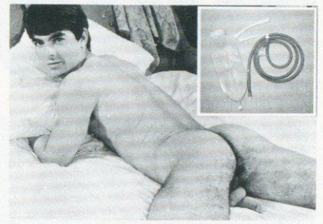


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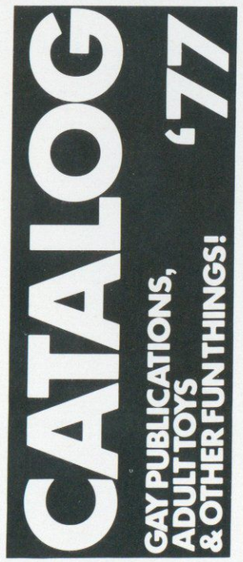


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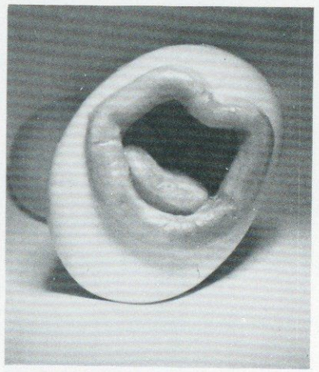
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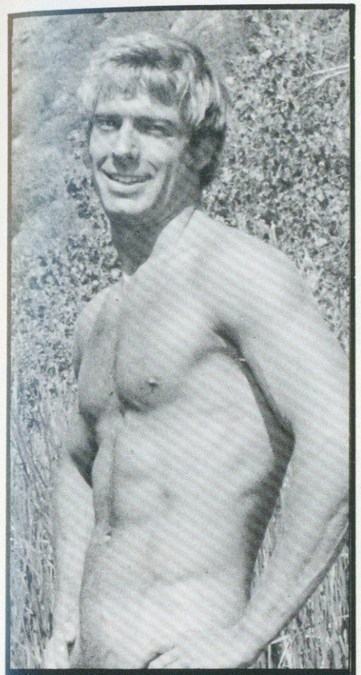
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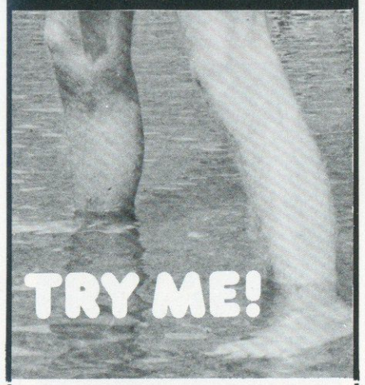
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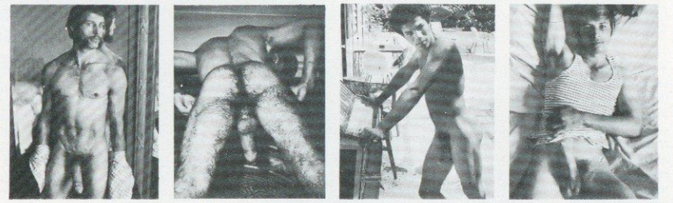
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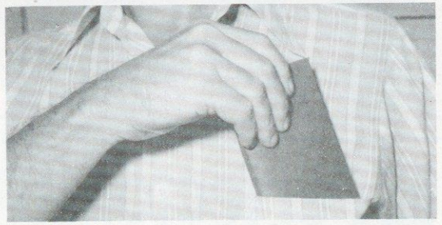
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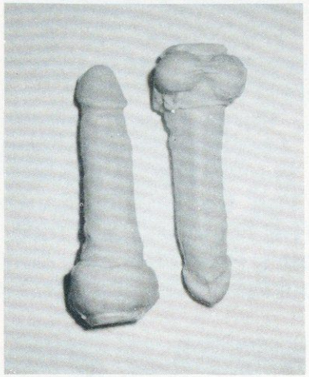
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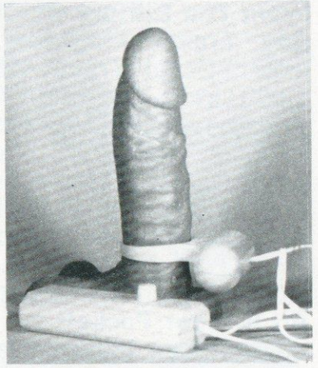


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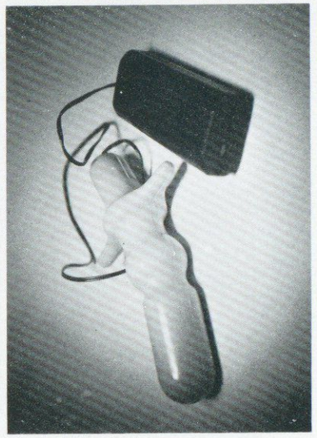


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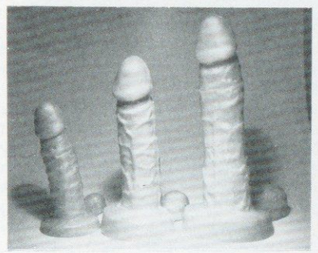


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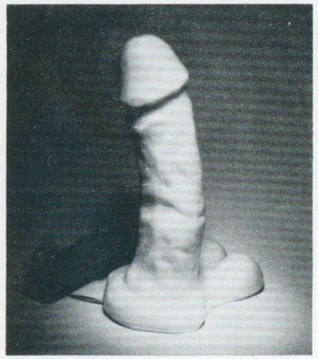


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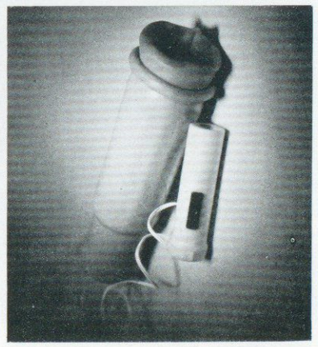


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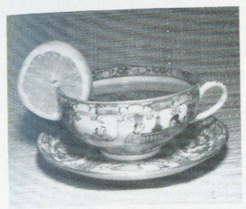
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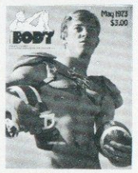
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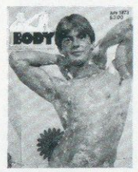
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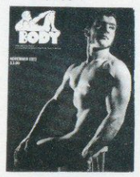
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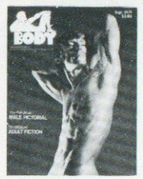
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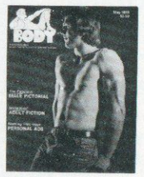


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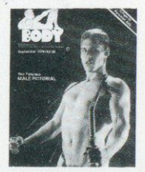
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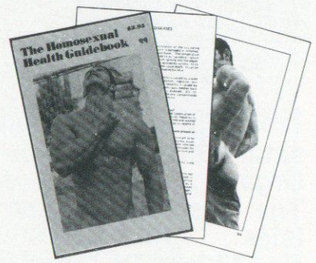
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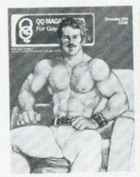
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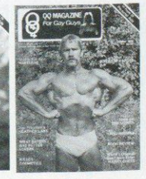
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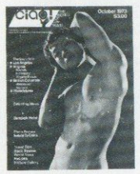
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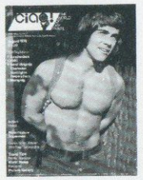
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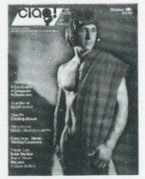

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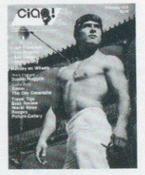

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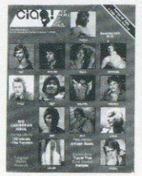

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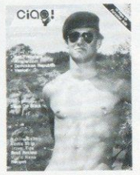

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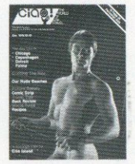

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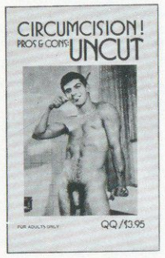


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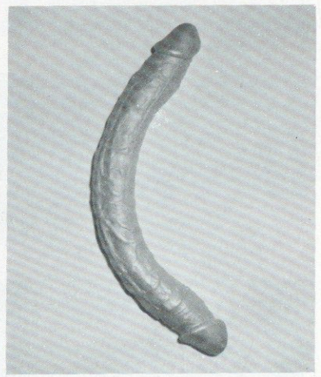
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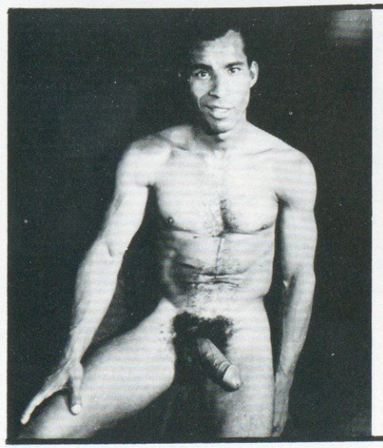
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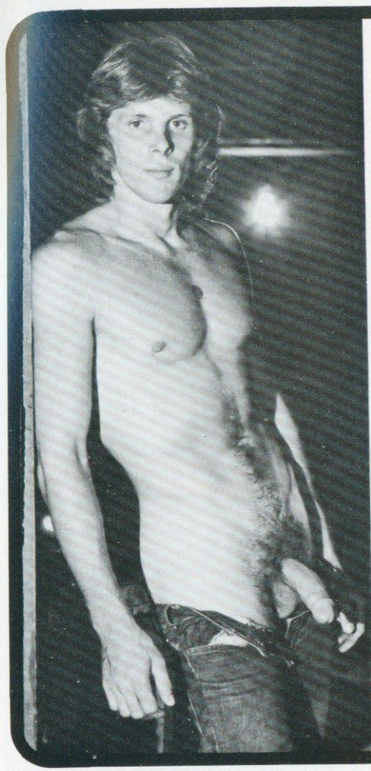
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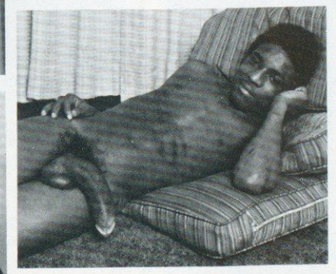
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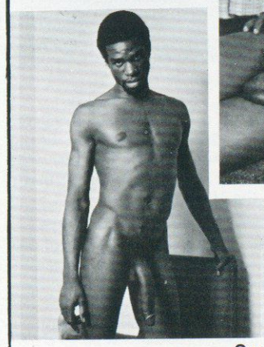
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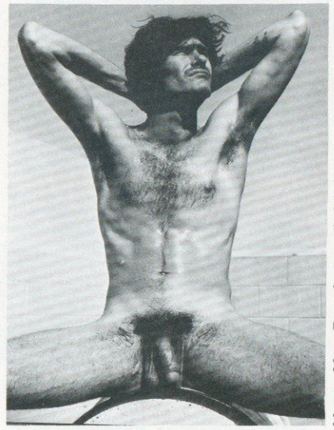
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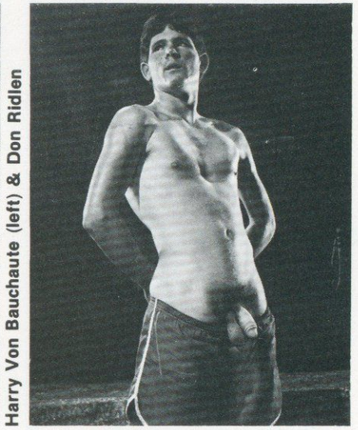
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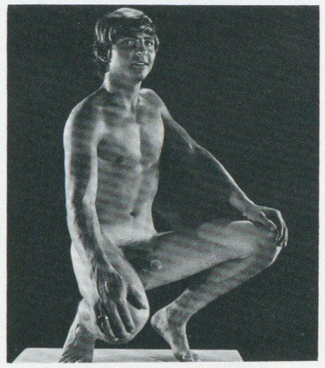
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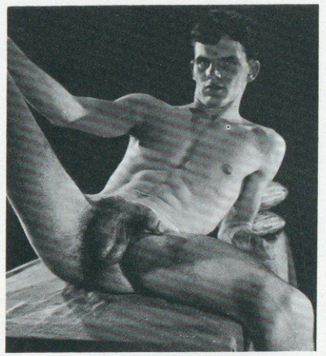
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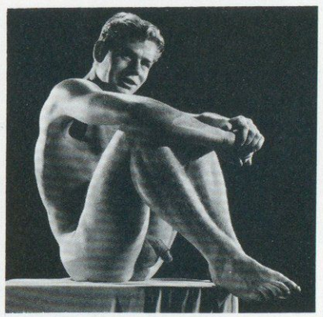
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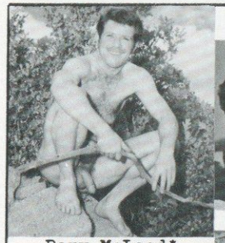
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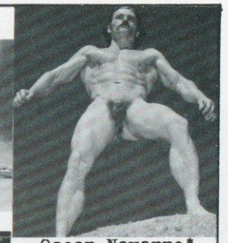
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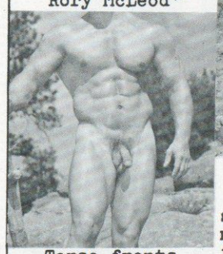
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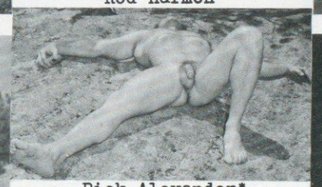
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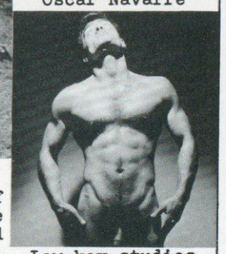
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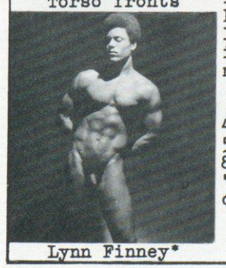
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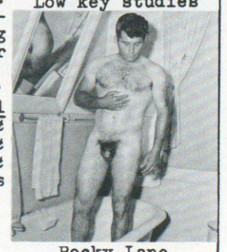
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8 Months $12.95

#200: B-Plex
This B-Complex Stress Formula is a combination of the B vitamins prepared from Brewer's Yeast plus Vitamin C from Rose Hips concentrate.
3 Months $11.95
8 Months $26.95

#310: SUPER-C COMPLEX
Highest potency Vitamin C Complex derived from Rose Hips, Citrus Bioflavonoid Complex, Rutin and Hesperidin Complex.
3 Months $5.95
8 Months $13.95
17 Months $25.95

#345: "C" ROSE HIPS
Potent Vitamin C as Ascorbic Acid in 1,000 mg. tablets.
3 Months $5.95
8 Months $12.95

#400: VITAMIN E-COMPLEX 100
Mixed Tocopherols forming a complete E-Complex distilled from unrefined, cold-extracted vegetable oils in 100 I.U. capsules.
3 Months $3.95
8 Months $8.95

#405: VITAMIN E-COMPLEX 200
Mixed Tocopherols forming a complete E-Complex distilled from unrefined, cold-extracted vegetable oils in 200 I.U. capsules.
3 Months $6.95
8 Months $14.95

#410: VITAMIN E-COMPLEX 400
Mixed Tocopherols forming a complete E-Complex distilled from unrefined, cold-extracted vegetable oils in 400 I.U. capsules.
3 Months $10.50
8 Months $22.50

#415: VITAMIN E-COMPLEX 1,000
Highest potency mixed Tocopherols forming a complete E-Complex distilled from unrefined, cold-extracted vegetable oils in 1,000 I.U. capsules.
3 Months $21.95
8 Months $51.95

#490: LIQUI-E COMPLEX
Mixed Tocopherols in a base of cold-pressed Wheat Germ Oil liquid. Excellent for people who cannot swallow capsules. Each 5 drops contain approx. 100 I.U. (20,000 I.U. per bottle).
2 Oz. Dropper Bottle $5.25

ONE-A-DAY MULTIPLES

#75: FORMULA VM-75
Super potency multiple vitamins with amino acids and chelated ("pre-digested") minerals in a natural-base tablet.
3 Months $14.95
6 Months $26.95

#620: LORAVITE
High potency multiple vitamins and minerals derived from animal and vegetable sources in a natural-base tablet.
3 Months $11.95
8 Months $26.95

#660: VEGEREX
High potency multiple vitamins and minerals derived from vegetable sources only in a natural-base tablet.
3 Months $11.95
8 Months $26.95

FOOD SUPPLEMENTS

#800: BEE POLLEN
100% pure Bee Pollen gathered by bees from the flowers of Southern France in potent 500 mg. tablets.
3 Months $5.95
8 Months $12.95

#777: CHELATED MULTI-MINERALS
Multiple tablets containing 10 essential minerals in "pre-digested" form for immediate absorption. Six (6) tablets daily recommended.
90 Tablets $5.95
180 Tablets $9.95
360 Tablets $17.95

#700: ACIDOPHI-CAPS
By use of a scientific freeze-dried process this product is alive with millions of "friendly" Lactobacillus Acidophilus organisms to aid in re-establishing (i.e., after using antibiotics) and maintaining favorable intestinal flora.
3 Months $4.50
8 Months $9.95

#730: GARLIC-PARSLEY
These tablets contain 3.5 grains each of garlic and parsley. The mixture provides the benefits of garlic without the odor. May be taken up to 3 times daily as desired.
100 Tablets $2.25
250 Tablets $4.95

#825: LIVER TABS
Desiccated and defatted liver fortified with Vitamin B-12 and Red Bone Marrow plus B-Complex factors and Amino Acids. Once daily or as desired.
100 Tablets $2.75
250 Tablets $6.50
500 Tablets $11.95

#830: LIQUI-PRO "15"
The highest potency liquid protein available—a full 15 grams of predigested protein per ounce (2 tablespoons).
16 Oz. Bottle $7.95
32 Oz. Bottle $14.95

#999: PURE KOREAN GINSENG
Made from 6 year-old roots, imported and bearing government seals. Each capsule contains 8 gr. Once daily or as desired.
50 Capsules $10.95
100 Capsules $19.95

#1000: PURE SIBERIAN GINSENG
Used by U.S.S.R. cosmonauts and Olympic athletes. Each capsule contains 250 mg. of pure ginseng. Once daily or as desired.
100 Capsules $6.95
250 Capsules $14.95



COMBINATION OFFERS

Save up to $16 on certain items by buying your vitamin needs in combination.

#850: SUPER SEX COMBO I
You get 1 bottle each of Loravite (#620) or (specify) Vegerex (#660); B-Plex (#200); Vitamin E-1,000 (#415); Bee Pollen (#800). By buying the combination you save $5.00 on the 3-month supply and $10.00 on the 8-month supply.
3 Months $46.80
8 Months $108.80

#851: SUPER SEX COMBO II
You get 1 bottle each of Loravite (#620) or (specify) Vegerex (#660); B-Plex (#200); Vitamin E-1,000 (#415); Pure Korean Ginseng (#999). By buying the combination you save $6.00 on the 3-month supply and $15.00 on the 8-month supply.
3 Months $59.80
8 Months $141.70

#852: SUPER SEX COMBO III
You get 1 bottle each of Formula VM-75 (#75); B-Plex (#200); Vitamin E-1,000 (#415); Pure Korean Ginseng (#999). By buying the combination you save $7.00 on the 3-month supply and $16.00 on the 8-month supply.
3 Months $61.80
8 Months $155.65

#900: FAT FIGHTERS SPECIAL
You get 1 bottle each of All-In-One (Kelp, Lecithin, Vitamin B-6, Cider Vinegar); Aquatabs; Bio Slim Plus. All-In-One promotes weight reduction when taken with a low calorie diet; Aquatabs act as a mild diuretic to reduce bloat; Bio Slim Plus contains cellulose to provide a full feeling and reduce hunger tantrums. Recommended dosage is 3 tablets/capsules of each daily. These products are not sold separately.
100 All-In-One/60 Aquatabs/42 Bio Slim Plus $12.35
250 All-In-One/120 Aquatabs/84 Bio Slim Plus $27.85

#950: WINTER WOES DELIGHT
You get 1 bottle each of Formula VM-75 (#75) and Super-C Complex (#310). By buying the combination you save $3.00 on the 3-month supply; $5.00 on the 8-month supply; and $10.00 on the 17-month supply.
3 Months $17.90
8 Months $50.85
17 Months $99.75

#975: GRAY-HAIR-AWAY SURPRISE
You get 1 bottle each of Folic Acid (400 Mcg.); Pantothenic Acid (200 Mg.); PABA (100 Mg.). These products are not sold separately.
3 Months $7.50
8 Months $16.50

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