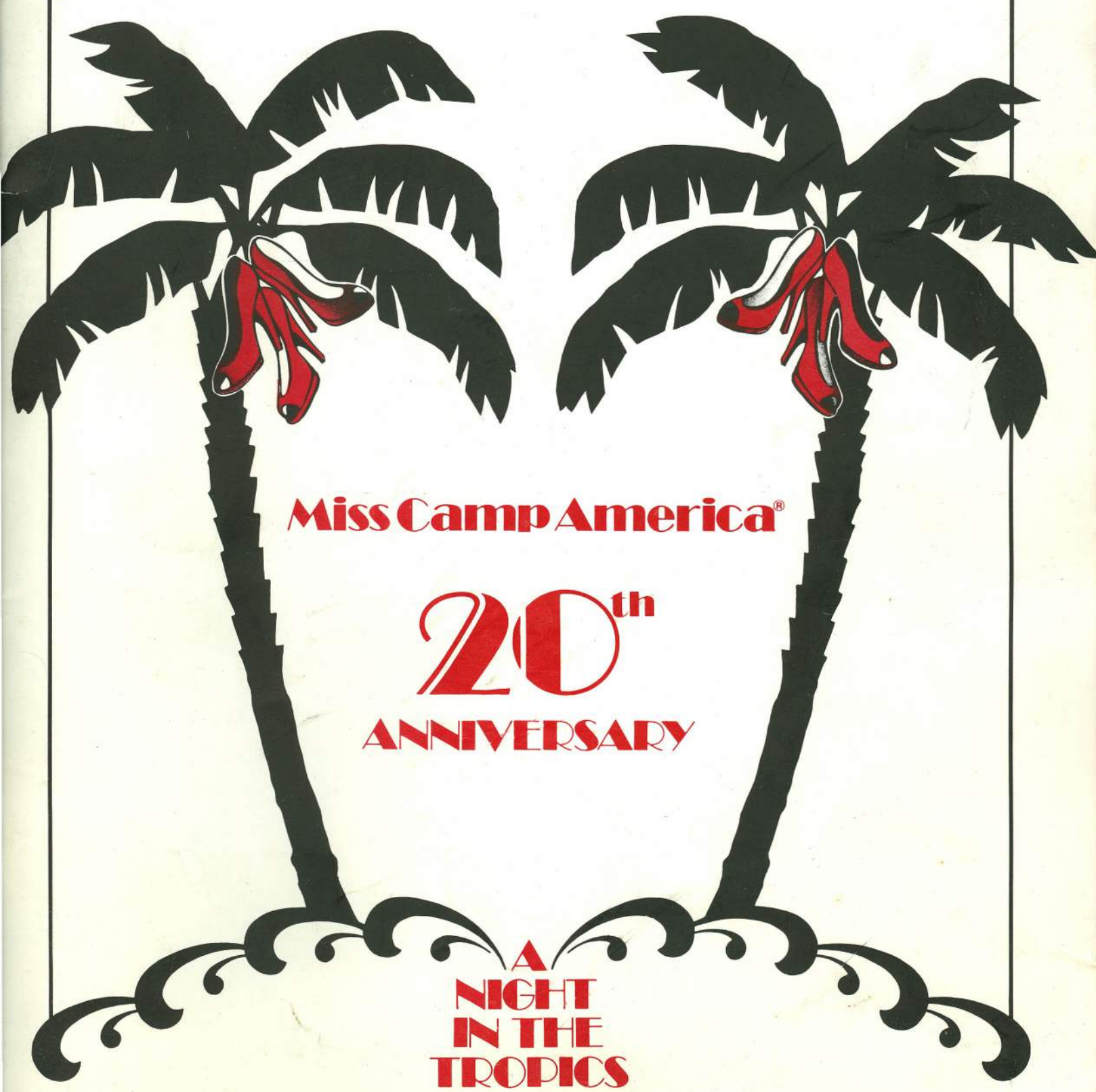


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Our ILLustrious Past...

The Miss Camp America® Pageant began in 1969 at an apartment in Houston, where eleven people gathered to watch the Miss America Pageant. Ten of those attending took turns drawing one of the state names representing the top ten finalists in the pageant that year. Before the evening was over, one of them became "Miss Camp America" by virtue of "her" state winning the title in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

That simple beginning on South Post Oak Road led to the extended guest list of fifty state representatives and more, to various bars and grills of the Montrose Arts District. During past years, the annual pageant found winners at the corner of elegant Elgin and luscious Louisiana (now the French Quarter), the Glass Stein (now a tattoo parlor on Montrose), the Palm Center Auditorium (yet to be remodeled), the defunct Texas State Hotel, and the drag bar of its day - the Hi-Kamp Club.

From 1976 through 1979, Miss Camp America was crowned in the Grand Ballroom of the "late" Sheraton Houston Hotel. Since then, Miss Camp America received her crown at the Tower Theatre (also, now being remodeled!).

Over these past twenty years, Miss Camp America, Inc. has made a concerted effort to be a positive force in Houston. In addition to entertaining our friends and supporters with Social and Fund Raising events of our own, we have presented benefit performances for and contributed funds to the Gay Pride Week activities, the Montrose Clinic, the AIDS Foundation-Houston, the McAdory House, and the Stone Soup Food Pantry. Although Miss Camp America, Inc. is chartered for social and fraternal purposes, we are ever-conscious of the needs of the community. For we too, deeply mourn the loss of many of our members.

In celebration of twenty years of camp and entertainment, Miss Camp America, Inc. is excited to host the "TWENTIETH ANNUAL MISS CAMP AMERICA® PAGEANT" at the Alley Theatre tonight. Yes, we are indeed proud!

The eighty members of Miss Camp America, Inc. have worked hard to entertain you again this year. We're certainly glad that you chose to be at the Alley Theatre this evening for "A Night in the Tropics." Because, **WE ARE ENTERTAINMENT.**



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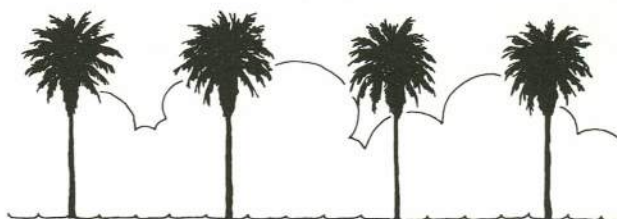
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Miss Camp America 1988 Lana Love

The Top Nine *

Miss Colorado Lola
Miss Florida Helen Hurley Brown
Miss Louisiana Flossie
Miss Maryland Laverne
Miss Mississippi Dixie Lee
Miss Missouri Storm
Miss Nevada Bullah
Miss Texas Sara
Miss Virginia Marge Myrick-Baker

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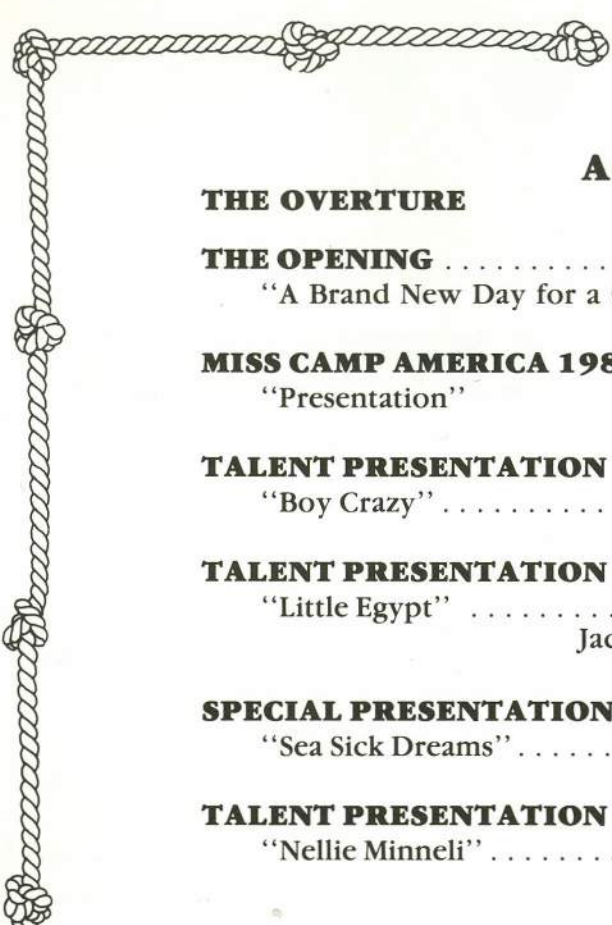
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"A Brand New Day for a Cruise"

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"Presentation"

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS COLORADO
"Boy Crazy" Lola

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS MISSOURI
"Little Egypt" Storm
Jacquelyn, Bobby, Felix and Ophelia

SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE TOP NINE
"Sea Sick Dreams" with the Captain

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS VIRGINIA
"Nellie Minneli" Marge Myrick-Baker
David and Michael

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS TEXAS
"WHO KILLED L. B. MAYER?" Sara
Bobby, Felix, Jason, Kevin

SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE MISS CAMP AMERICA'S
"Hey, Big Boy" with Tony

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS MISSISSIPPI
"100% Cotton" Dixie Lee

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"Masquerade Ball"

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS CAMP AMERICA 1988
"Mermaids and Parades" Lana Love

SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE CAST
"Port of Call - Tahiti"

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ACT II

THE OPENING THE CAST
"Port of Call - Rio de Janeiro"

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS FLORIDA
"Divine Coiffuer" Helen Hurley Brown
Lil' Nell and Tina

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS NEVADA
"She Can't Say No" Bullah
George, Kenneth, Jason and David

SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE CAST
"Port of Call - South Africa"

TALENT PRESENTATION MISS LOUISIANA
"Cute But Dingy" Flossie
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"Safe Sex" Laverne
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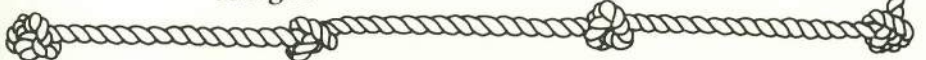
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MISS MISSOURI: Storm

6' 0", 160, Debatable Hair, Brown Eyes, 40-29-40

Storm, as she's more aptly known, is truly an earth shaker. When it comes to The Miss Camp America stage, versatility and vitality without virility are her bylines. Tall, tan and beautiful, just ask, she'll tell. But truly a princess from top to bottom, that's where you'll find her either on top or bottom.

MISS COLORADO: Lola

5' 5", 150, Dull Hair and Brown Eyes, 38-32-38

The Lovely Lola is a new prized package to our audiences! She owns half interest in hair removal products best left unnamed and often times still gets tangled when she's walking too fast! Height is also no problem with this pint-size beauty; just gaze on her face believe me, you'll be speechless.

MISS FLORIDA: Helen

5' 9", 170, Mousy Brown Hair, Lt. Grey Eyes, 42-34-112

Helen, yet another new face to grace our pageant truly is a sight to behold. She's graceful and willing to learn, which says quite a lot for a girl who's been behind the stage instead of in front. Another case of fatal attraction - don't look too close, you'll turn to stone.

MISS VIRGINIA: Marge Myrick Baker

6' 2", 160, Grey Hair, Hazel Eyes, 38-29-38

Lovely Marge comes from an old tobacco plantation family where all lovely Southern ladies weren't permitted to imbibe alone. So call! She's sometimes glad to have company. Our talented dance captain can recall a routine on an instant's notice. Tobacco Road watch out, Miss Virginia is here again.

MISS LOUISIANA: Flossie

5' 2", 118, Auburn Hair, Blue Eyes, 38-24-36

Flossie is our cajun beauty. Just cross a crawfish and a New Orleans belle and guess who you've got? Give her toe shoes and fat legs and she's on the road again. With her beautiful name and winsome smile, give her a wink and she's yours.

MISS MISSISSIPPI: Dixie Lee

5' 8", 120, Muddy Hair, Blue Eyes, 34-28-Tiny

Dixie Lee, Miss Biafra or as she's otherwise known, the lips and legs of the Delta! If you've ever seen talent before it's not been during her number. A treat to all is she a trick? Some will never know! A fashion statement in her own or any other time.

MISS MARYLAND: Laverne

6' 4", Svelt, Auburn Hair, Hazel Eyes, 48-37-47

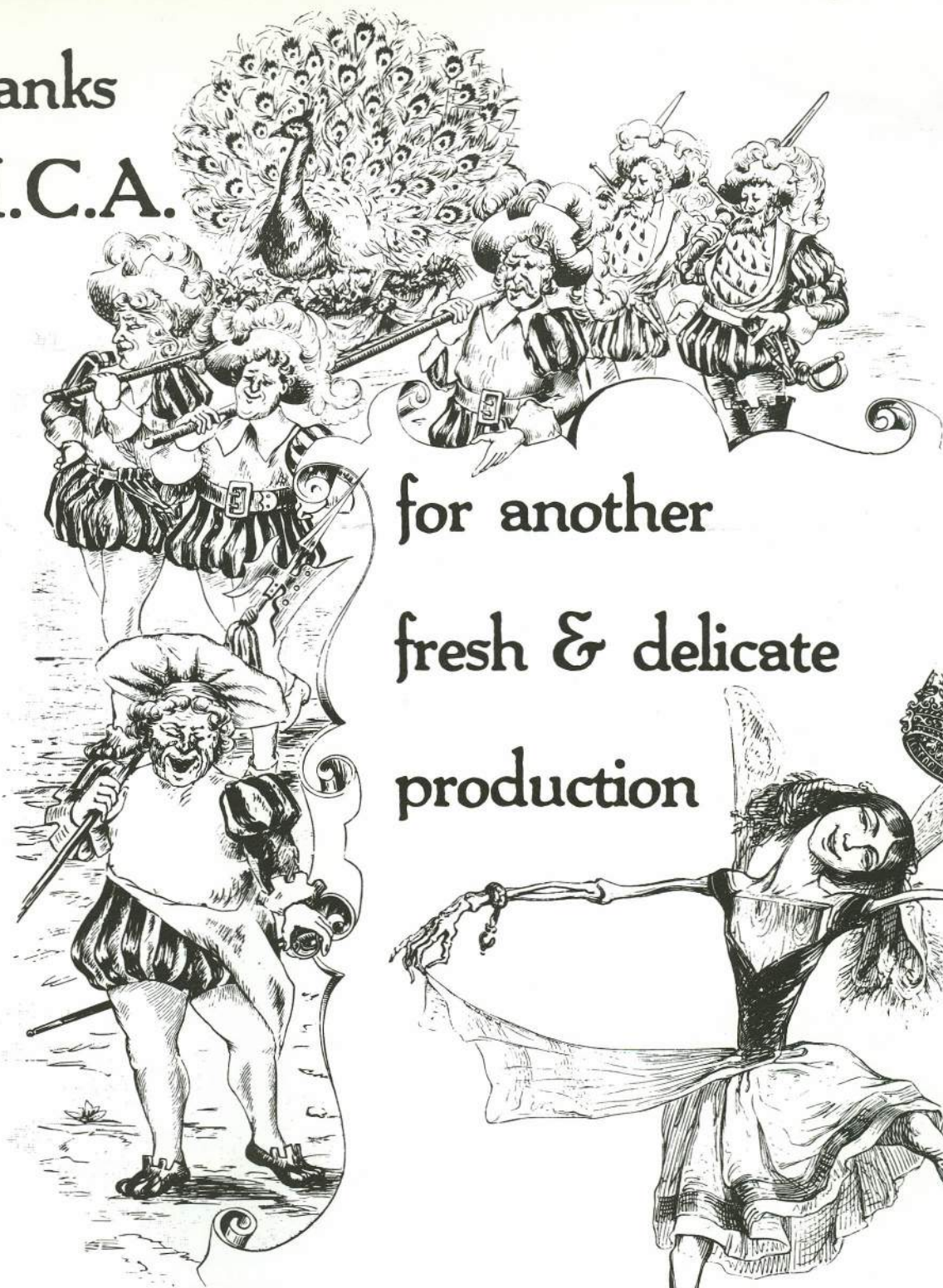
Laverne, one of the seven wonders of the world? Girls if you're short, don't gaze at her bosom, you're likely never to be the same. An amazon beauty, she'll leave an everlasting memory, one you'll never forget, no matter how hard you try.

MISS TEXAS: Sara Jane

6' 5", 135, Auburn to Bald, Sizzling Green Eyes, 51-40-46

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Back in the days when the Miss Camp America® Pageant was being presented to you in such lavish surroundings as the Hi-Kamp Club and the Texas State Hotel, Paza epitomized the spirit and fun that we are all about.

Those of us who knew her surely miss her. Those of us who didn't have already missed a treat.

We couldn't think of a more fitting tribute to Paza's memory than to establish an annual award in her name, to recognize the Miss Camp America member who best exemplified the fine art of "Camp" in the Princess Paza tradition. Four members have previously been honored with this coveted award: Marge Myrick-Baker 1984, Nancy Kemper 1985 and 1987, Tina Thompson 1986, and Jacquelyn Smith 1988.

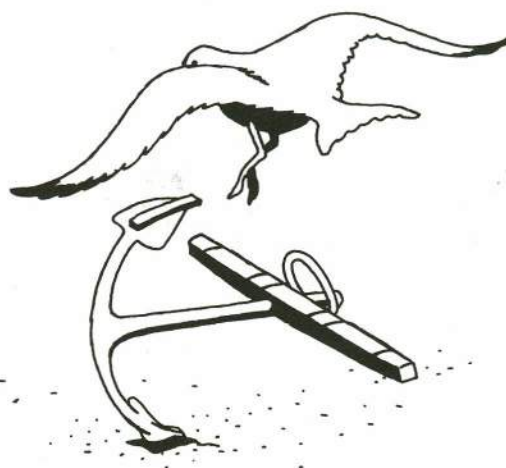
Our members have voted once again and the winner of the 1989 Princess Paza Marcella Borghese Taylor Memorial Award will be announced from the Alley Theatre stage.

THE NOMINEES



**Storm Dellinger
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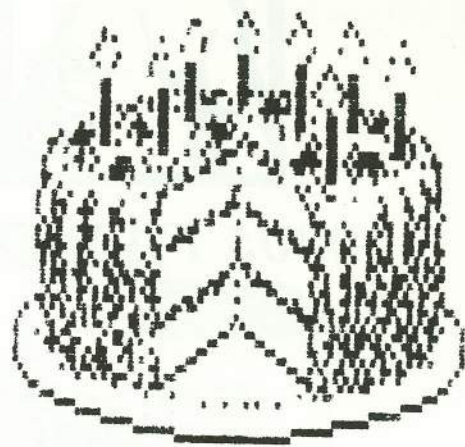
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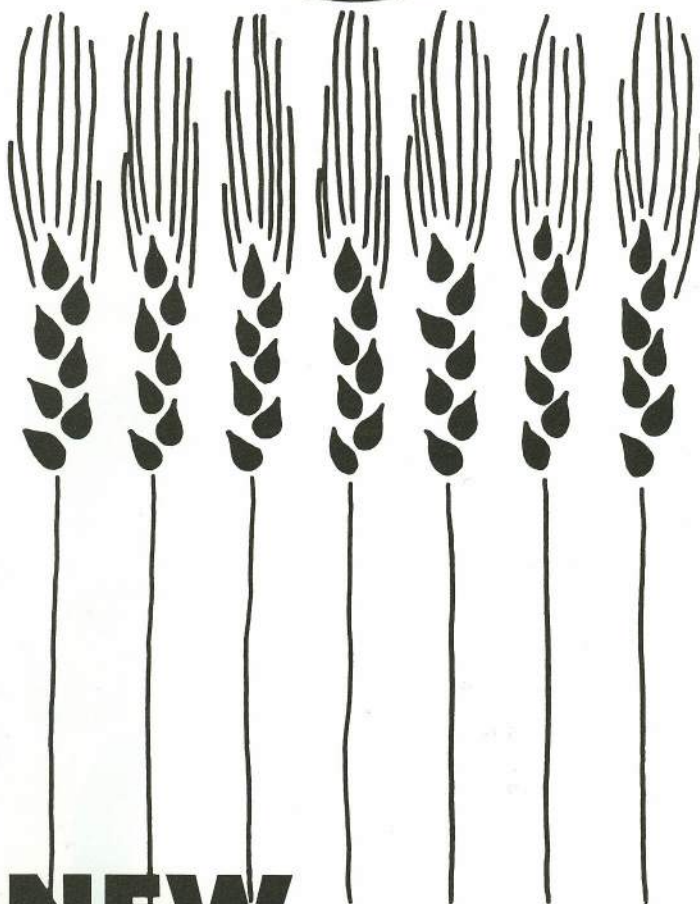
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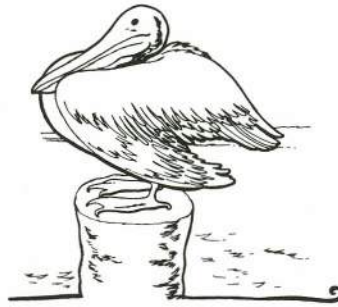
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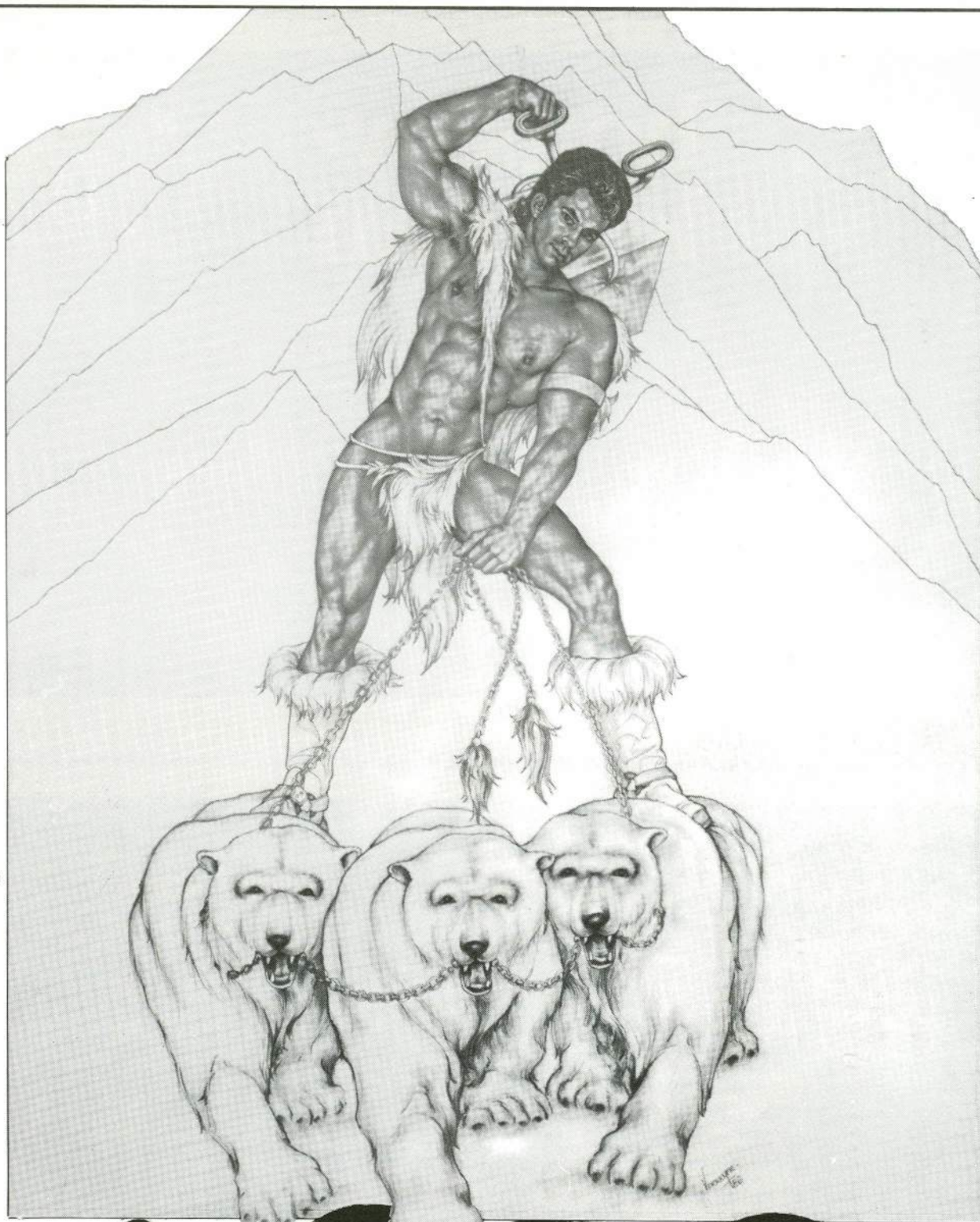
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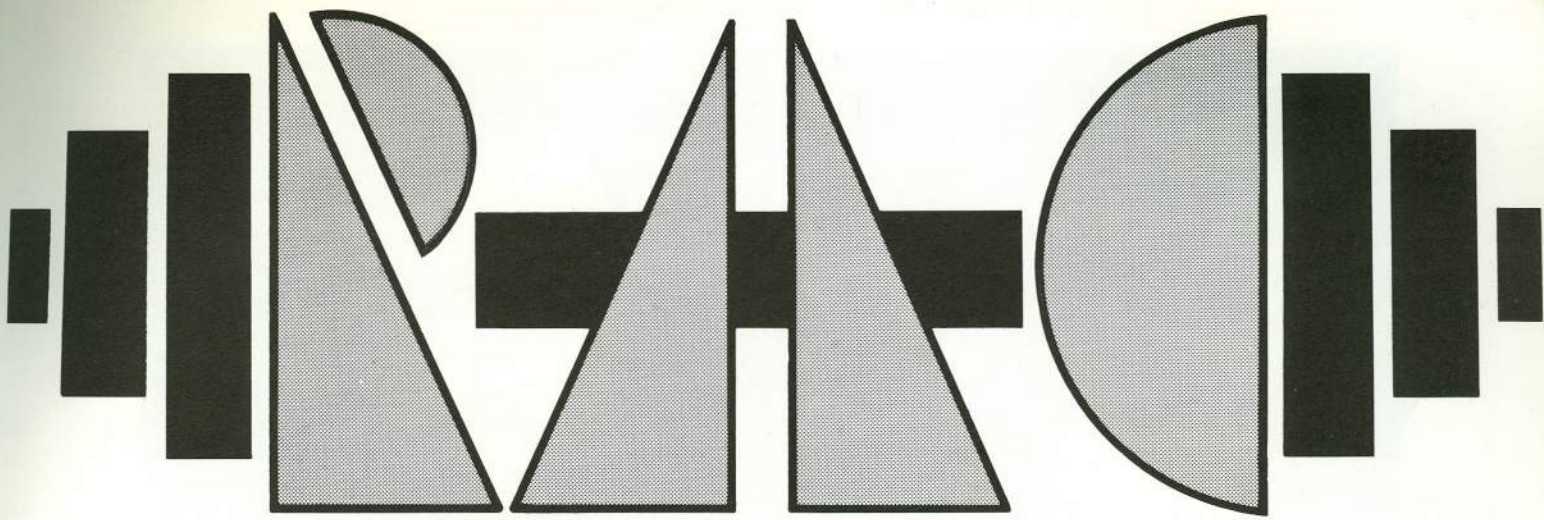
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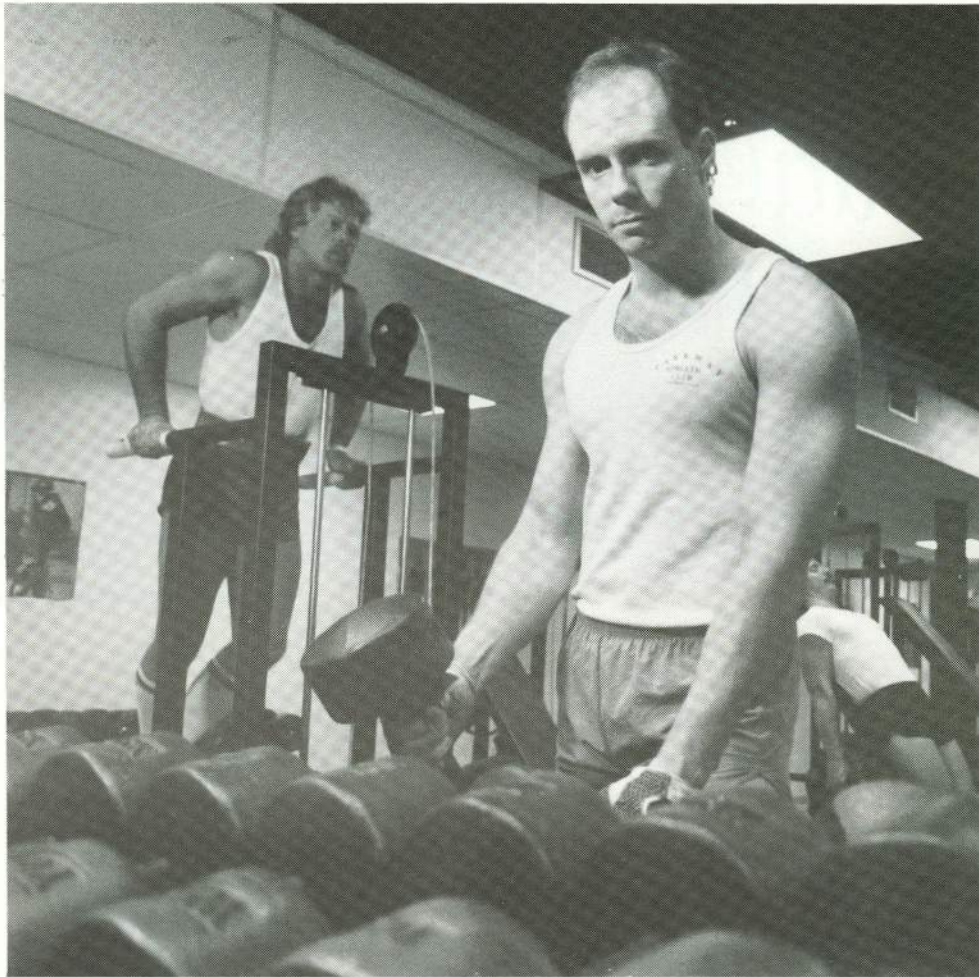
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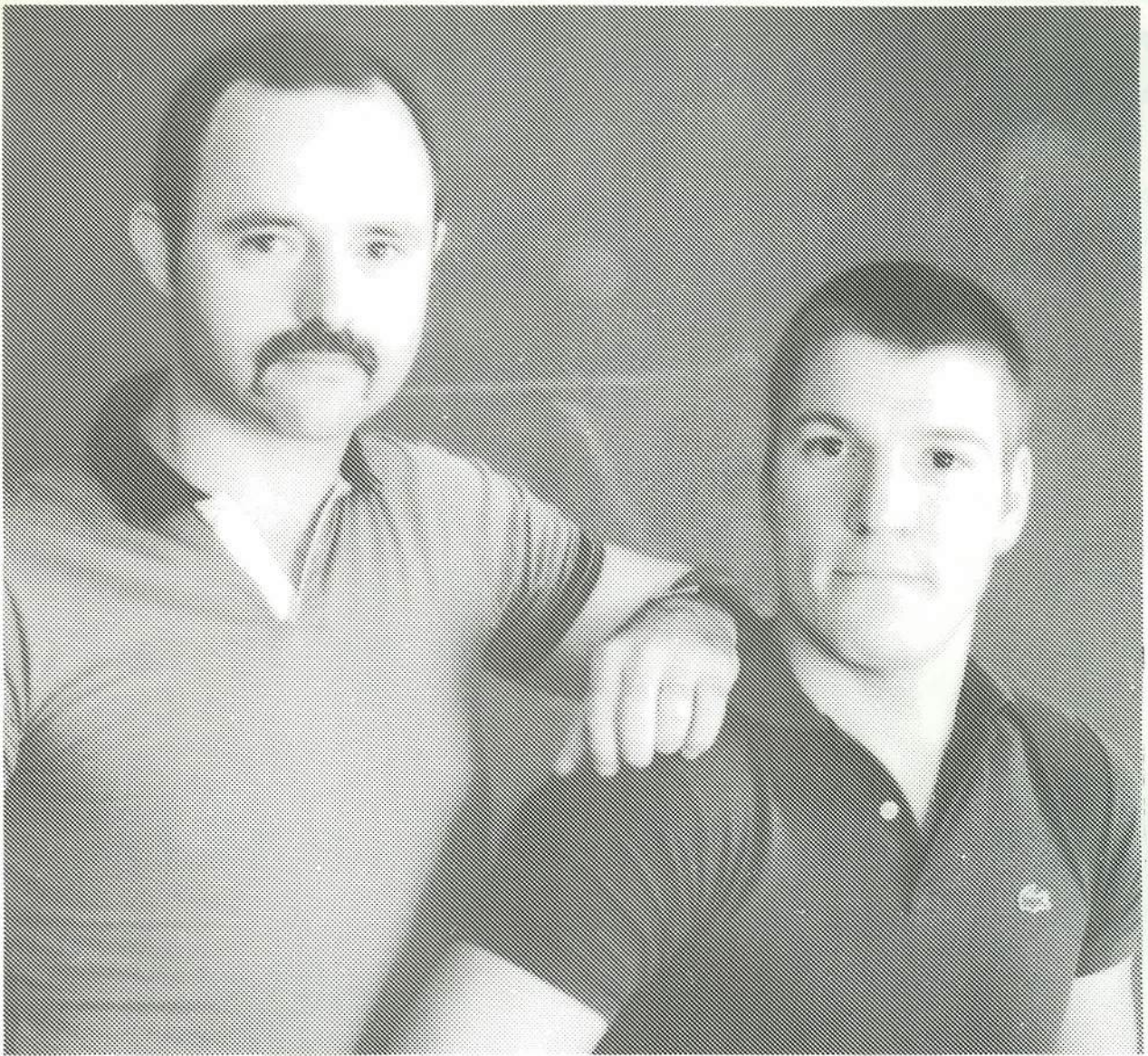
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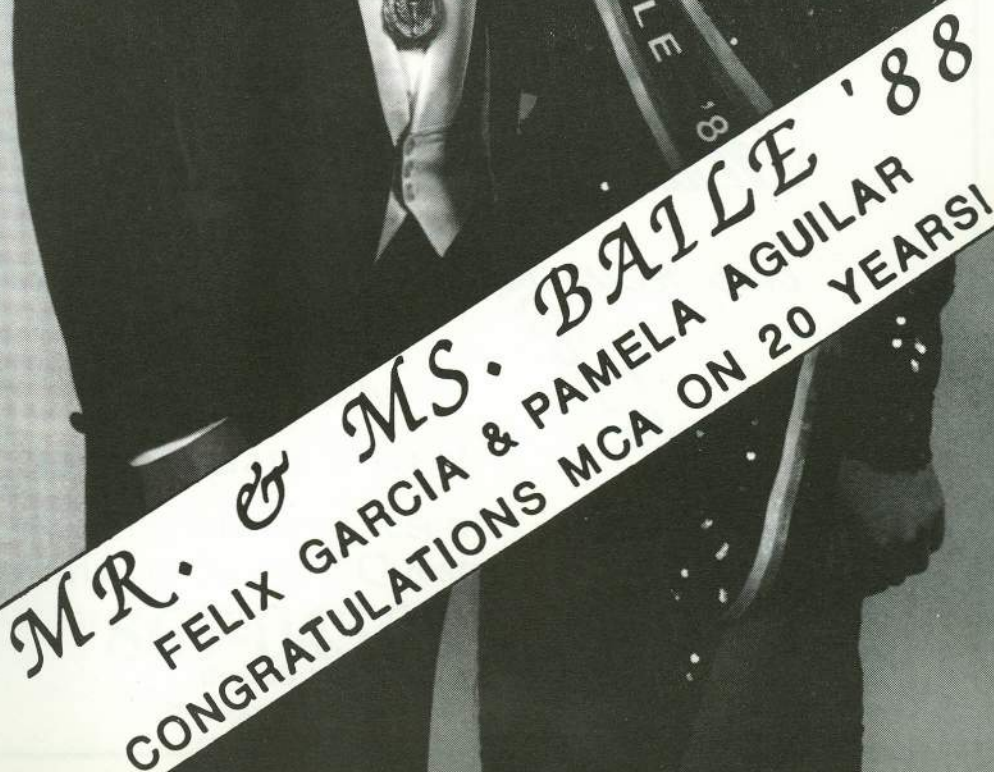
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From the runway in the Tower Theatre to the stage of the Alley Theatre - my reign as Miss Camp America 1988 has been an exciting and fun-filled experience. With my cape in place, my rhinestone jewelry glistening and a dazzling crown and tiara in my possession, I bring you greetings and welcome you to the 20th Annual Miss Camp America® Pageant.

My personal appearance contract afforded me the opportunity to travel extensively this past year. To the Mardi Gras Balls in New Orleans, Louisiana, the fashion salons in Paris, France, the grass shacks in Honolulu, Hawaii, and even to the streets of the Montrose Arts District. The Houston Chronicle, Television Stations KPRC, KHOU, and KTRK, and the Board of Directors at work all made special note of my being "The Mermaid with the Moustache!" What can I say - the high price of being a "Celebrity"? ? ?

I must take this opportunity to publicly thank some people who have been instrumental in getting me to the place I am now. To my fellow fraternity members of Miss Camp America, Inc. and Christmas in July, to Bob Skinner, the late Tiffany Jones, and my brother C.J. Harrington - I express my heartfelt appreciation. Very few of us have a "real" family member to share our lives with. I have been blessed to have had C.J. always there for me.

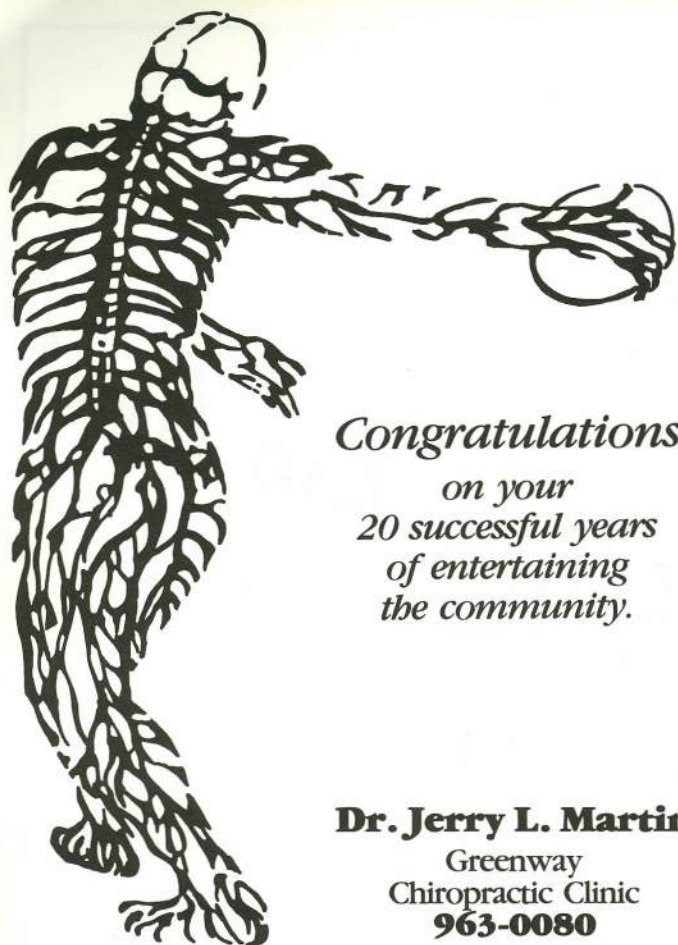
As Miss Camp America, I have had the rare privilege of being a part of a community team to visit our friends in need at Park Plaza, Jeff Davis, M.D. Anderson and Ben Taub Hospitals. Hopefully our weekly visits helped ease the pain of their suffering. As hard as this was for me personally, I have benefitted greatly from the experience. Now, you Girls just must get well and get out of there. The nurses have run me off for practicing my "Runway Walk" up and down those long hospital corridors!

In closing, as all "Beauty Queens" before me have said, I wish YOU the hope of continued good health, happiness, world peace, better education for our children, etcetera and so forth...but, most of all I wish you LOVE. In sharing our love with each other, we can conquer anything.

Have a fabulous time with us tonight as we experience "A NIGHT IN THE TROPICS."

I remain,

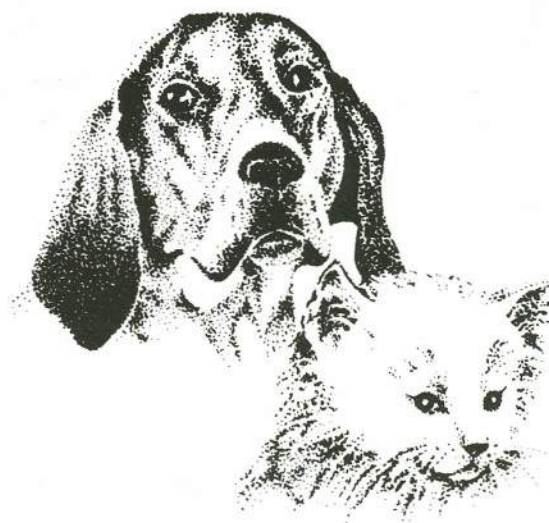
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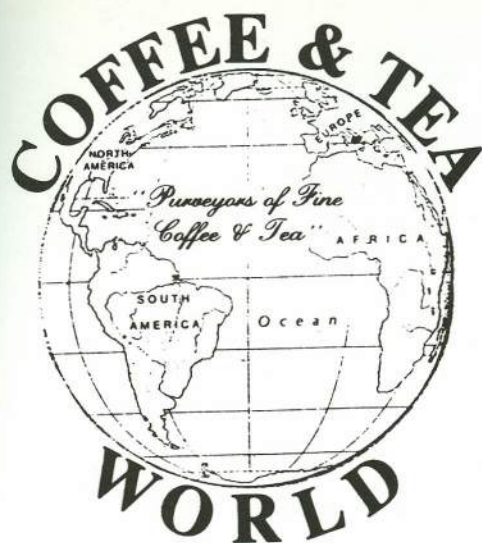


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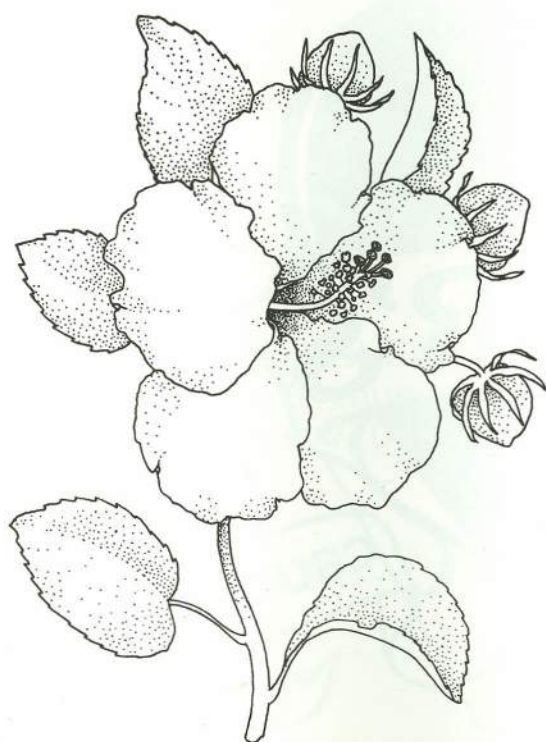
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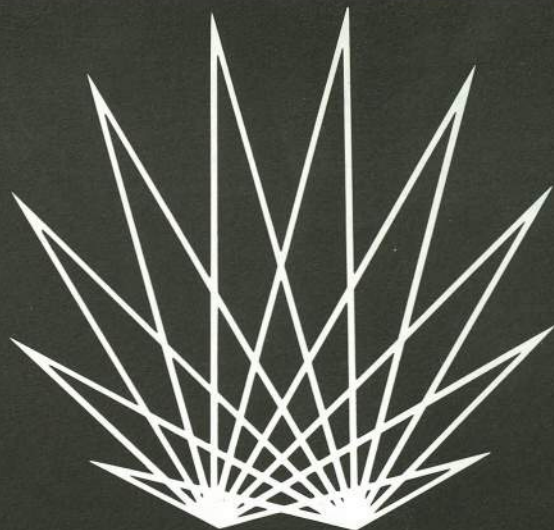
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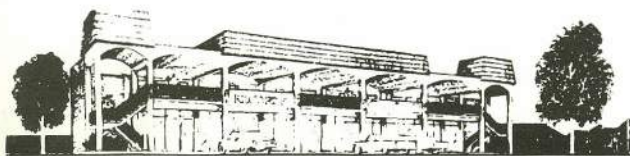
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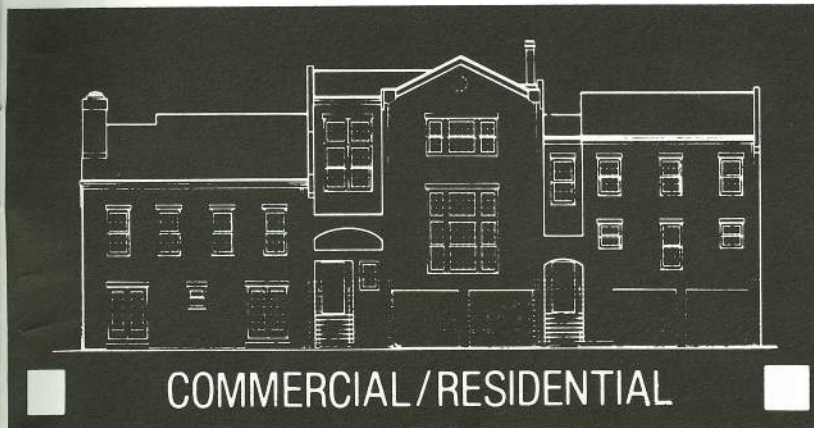


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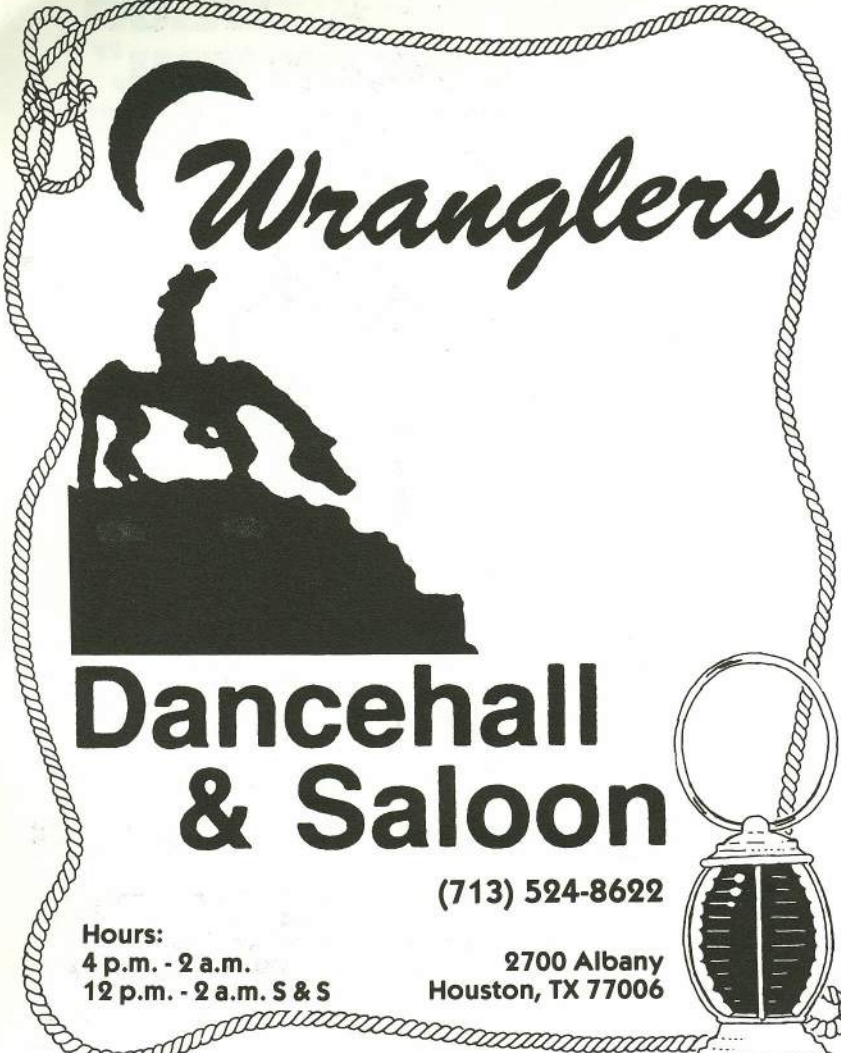


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But deep in their hearts they all knew
It would be the self-proclaiming Maxine

Now you talk about water under the bridge
how much in the past twenty years
If we had been there through it all
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But we're here tonight to celebrate
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Thank you for letting us be a part of the family. Happy Anniversary! We love you,
Tita & Alicia

Rita,
Thanks for putting up with all of this madness. Without you, it wouldn't be possible.
Dixie Lee

Frankie,
We won't forget!
Dixie Lee

Sissy, Cassie, Honey this performance is for you.

Love,
Ophelia

Maxwell, Mitch & Olivia,
Momma's missed you!
Jackie

Thank you to all the cast and club members who have worked so hard.

Love ya,
Tina Thompson

David,
"Good Times-Bad Times-Sometimes just pretzels & beer-but 20 years later we are here"
Love you and Thank You!
Pat

Fasbinder's Family,
Thank you for all of your friendship and support.

Love you all,
Pat Petty

A hearty thanks to Jack, Robert, George, Bill, Ken and Bobbie Sue for making this year's program a winner.

Your Leader

Thanks to the members of Miss Camp America, Inc. for your support in my year as Miss Camp America 1988.

Lana

To Michael Mahan,
Thanks for your help and friendship.

Lana

Greg,
Thanks for your understanding & help. It is true, you married a drag Queen.

Laverne

Show business is my life — still — after all these years. Happy 20th Anniversary to my fellow Miss Camp America sisters.

Marge Myrick-Baker
Miss Virginia 1988

Ten and counting...each better than the last.

Love,
Ben

Congratulations KOXIX and QOXIX from QOVII and QOXII.

Let's hear it for the boys!
Nellier than the girls!

Break a leg!
Shanda

Thank you Tita and Alicia for making my dancing look good.

Shanda

Bullah,
Do it for the boys as only you can!

Love Ya!
Mattie

Tina,
Thanks for unsinkable "U.S.S." Camp.

Love Ya!
Mattie

There's no WoWo like my WoWo.

In the short time I've been a member, I just wanted to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of you. Your imagination, hard work and "good times" will show in this production. Good luck to the new Miss Camp America.

Dec Dec

As a retired showgirl...take my advice, top nine; smile & enjoy — it's over too soon!

Bunnie Buns Aaron

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

Happy Anniversary Tushy!

Thanks for a fun cruise on a "Ship of Fools"

Love & Kisses
Flossie
Miss Louisiana 1988

Ben,
Thanks for all of the dresses. Thanks for 10 wonderful years. Thanks for helping make a house possible. And especially, thanks for helping make my two crowns possible. I think it's about time for your reward!

Good Luck!
Love,
Bill

A gallant girl, that Hedda. Twelve years and still hanging in with that old fool, Lovita LeBeau.

Tina,
In spite of it all, I still love you.
Rose Nyland

To the cast members,
Thanks and have a successful 20th Pageant, and to Buddy...keep shining and happy trails.

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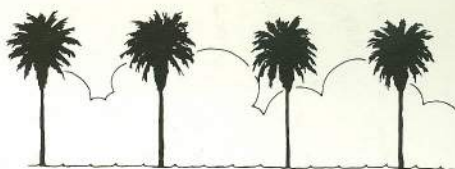
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