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# ski meeting

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# calendar

December 12..... General Meeting  
Films of Sun Valley

December 18-25..... Aspen I

December 25 - Jan. 1..... Aspen II

December 25 - Jan. 1..... Steamboat Springs I

## membership is full

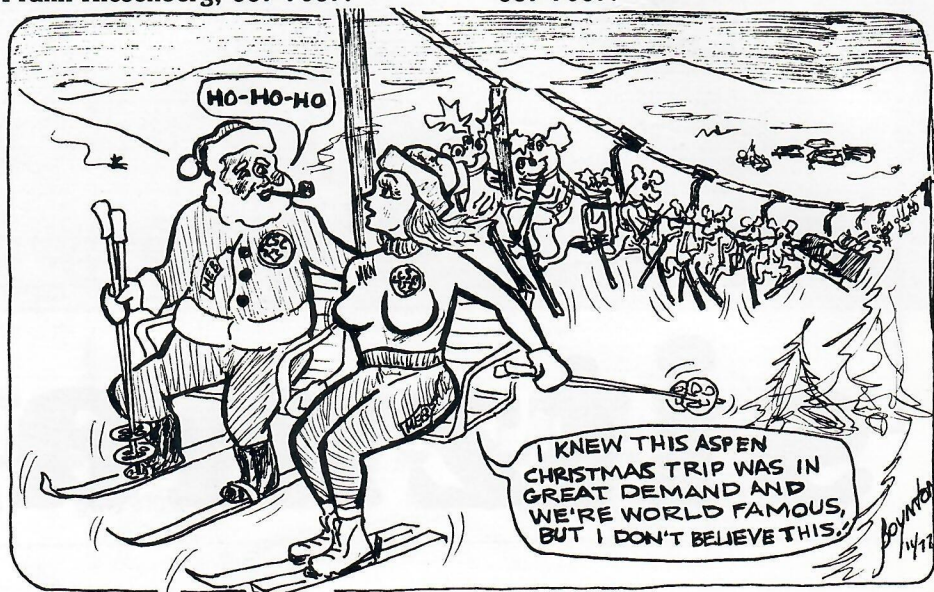
November 21, 1977

Singles.....1,004  
Married.....396  
TOTAL.....1,400

NOTICE: There is a waiting list to join SCSC. If you are moving out of town and would like to relinquish your membership, please contact Frank Riesenberg, 667-7067.

## membership cards

As you may have noticed, membership cards are being mailed inside the **sitzmarke**. You should receive your card in the **sitzmarke** the month after you submit your application. If you have not received your card, please contact Frank Riesenberg, phone 667-7067.





# head of the liftline

by Jim Benefield



**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!** I hope the holiday season brings great cheer to all (*and more snow to the slopes*). As of this writing, it appears certain that the Thanksgiving trip was a cancellation. For those who keep asking, may I briefly explain the general procedure when a bad or no snow condition is encountered and cancellation is imminent.

First, every effort is made to find an alternate area. If one is found, and the original trip cancelled, the active participants have some alternatives to staying home. **NO** participant is required to go to the alternate area. Second, daily contact is made with the carriers, the area and the weather bureau. Unfortunately, most areas have a forty-eight hour go/no-go clause for cancellation due to snow conditions. Finally, if the area is not open for reasonable skiing, then the trip is cancelled, with no loss to the paid participants. Every reasonable effort is made to inform the participants as early as possible of cancellation or changes; unfortunately the decision must, of necessity, come at the eleventh hour.

Many thanks to **Sporthaus Lindner** for presenting the style show at the November general meeting. Show them (*and all of*

*our fine advertisers*) your continued patronage. From the appearance of the styles, I may have to finally trade-in my ten year old Levi's. My personal thanks go to the membership for remaining attentive during the program.

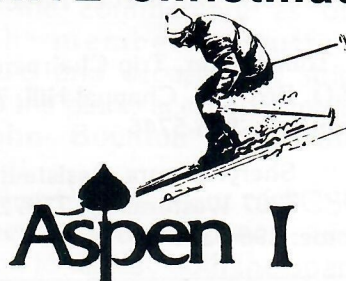
Rumor has it that **Continental Airlines** has landed a very big name for the dance at **Texas Ski Week**. More about that next month. Copper Mountain has reported that the Texans have already filled the area, with some latecomers spilling into Dillon. Credit for the enthusiasm should be given to the sponsors and particularly the Texas Ski Council.

Finally, though one trip may have been cancelled, there is already more snow in Colorado than at Christmas last year. It may really be a merry (*white*) Christmas and a very happy New (*ski*) Year!

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## bavarian gardens: beer and dancing anyone?

by Jan Mouche

It seems there was a lot of pre-skiing exercise at Bavarian Gardens October 28th when the ski club members danced, drank and ate their way into oblivion. The exercise must have done - **Jim Plummer** some good because he wasn't asleep at his usual 9:30 p.m. Also enjoying all the outdoor oom-pa-pas were **Mike Birowski**, out of the water for a change, **Jan and Bob Pettner**, **Steve Kroger**, **Bev Underwood**, **Denise Michaels**, **Rich McFarland**, **Ann Benefield**, **Cliff Zapfel**, **Shirley Andries**, **Jim Franz**, **Sy Liebergot**, **Russ Coffman**, **Marian Mulley**, **Shirley Smith**, **Merlyn Harger**, and **Jane Barnes**. The prize for the most original German costume of the night went to **Harry Beard** out on the floor in his lederhosen.

Meanwhile, **Allan Simpson**, **Linda MacFarland**, **Janet Pickell**, **Barry Kumins**, **Duff** and **Angie Trimble**, **Finn** and **Johanna Runfalo** and **Pat** and **Diane McLaughlin** indulged their appetites with potato pancakes, sauerkraut, sausages, and volumes of beer while they waited for room on the dance floor.

**Arty Allen** was observed at the edge of the dance floor practicing his Howdy-Doody imitation. And over at the Arcade - **John King** and **Dale Englefield** were ringing bells - with sledge hammers, that is. It seems Dale has a special technique that works everytime for any of you carnival goers.

Everyone ended the evening in the early morning with "one last beer" and the hopes that they could get a few hours sleep before zipping off for all the Halloween parties.



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february 11-19, 1977

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Sandra Palmer and Bob Tripp

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On February 11, we will leave Houston on Continental's Flight 721 at 7:22 a.m., arriving in Denver at 10:00 a.m. We should be in Breckenridge by noon, enabling eager skiers to be on the slopes all afternoon. The rest of us can spent it continuing our liquid diet bus ride and

checking out the local points of interest. From the time of arrival till the time of departure, we will have 7½ days to be on the slopes, skiing, partying, racing and whatever.

Sunday morning, February 19, we leave Breckenridge by bus for Denver. Our flight from Denver leaves at 11:55 a.m., arriving in Houston at 2:57 p.m. We wil resume the party on St. Patrick's Day at the post trip get-together. Remember that final payment date is December 12, 1977. Be sure to bring your check to the December meeting to insure a place on this super trip.

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So mark down February 18 to February 25, dust off those boots and skis, get in shape and come with us on the best skiing adventure you'll ever have!

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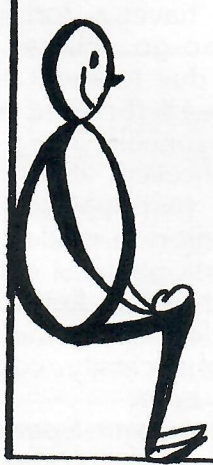
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aspen II <small>SPACE AVAILABLE</small>	Dec. 25 Jan. 1	\$441.00	Nov. 14	TC Sharon Lord ATC Roy Nice	522-9427 522-2337	
steamboat springs I <small>SPACE AVAILABLE</small>	Dec. 25 Jan. 1	\$389.00	Nov. 14	TC Lynn Burch ATC Lou Schultz	465-3306 668-2447	777-8267
vail I <small>SPACE AVAILABLE</small>	Jan. 1 Jan. 9	\$368.00	Dec. 2	TC Shirley Andries ATC Ron Smith	495-8585 777-1318	789-9600 674-0359
copper montain I texas ski week	Jan. 8 Jan. 15	\$316.00	Nov. 14	TC "Easy" Thayer ATC Peggy Wiggins	1-297-3607 626-0033	1-238-4586 789-9600
copper mountain II texas ski week <small>SPACE AVAILABLE</small>	Jan. 11 Jan. 15	\$256.00	Dec. 8	TC Max Langley ATC Karol Klopp	461-1196 785-8078	492-0550 461-0312
aspen traditional	Jan. 21 Jan. 28	\$319.00	Dec. 12	TC Ron Honefenger ATC Lorraine Johnson	869-0269 495-1892	
europe - innsbruck	Jan. 27 Feb. 5	\$849.00	Nov. 8	TC Keith Eastin ATC Thelda Craven	522-2268 622-4318	529-5711 226-4741
salt lake city II <small>SPACE AVAILABLE</small>	Feb. 4 Feb. 11	\$383.00	Dec. 12	TC Dan Toland ATC Trish Page	469-2254 789-6129	
breckenridge	Feb. 11 Feb. 19	\$290.00	Dec. 12	TC Bob Tripp ATC Sandra Palmer	467-0569 461-9287	
jackson hole	Feb. 18 Feb. 25	\$461.00	Jan. 9	TC Tom Mercer ATC Sheryl Rogers	1-836-5746 498-0377	
winter park	March 4 March 11	\$273.00	Feb. 1	TC Cynthia Lackey ATC Jim Franz	626-3519 774-3497	
sun valley	March 11 March 19	\$462.00	Feb. 11	TC Molly Rhodes ATC Barry Kumins	667-3390 464-6199	
vail II	March 18 March 25	\$345.00	Jan. 9	TC Sue Smith ATC Andy Fitzpatrick	465-3207 358-6262	
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## eatzmarke

by Bob Olsen

Have you ever tried to get a real dinner late at night in Houston? Chances are, if the hour was later than 10 p.m. your selection was limited to a coffee shop or leftovers in your own refrigerator.

Take heart and stomach, night owls, there are several places which will serve the most discriminating appetite past the bewitching hour. In fact, you can obtain a full course steak dinner until 1 a.m. at **RUGGLE'S** during the week and until 3 a.m. on weekends. Intimate dining in the wee hours at this recently remodeled restaurant includes crisp salads, baked potato and

vegetable. The well rounded wine list leans toward owner Manfred's Germanic background. Prices are reasonable and the service is usually far above average. **Ruggle's** is located at **903 Westheimer** near Montrose.

Down the street at **1228 Westheimer** is a small Greek restaurant which has captured a fair portion of Zorba's neighborhood trade. The menu boasts 24 hour operation but you take your chances after 3 a.m. Nevertheless, if you are out late, **KOJAK'S** provides more than a dozen Greek specialties and a variety of Greek and American wines. The Specialties include Mousakka (eggplant, potato, beef and cream sauce), Dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), Tyropites (cheese pie) and a

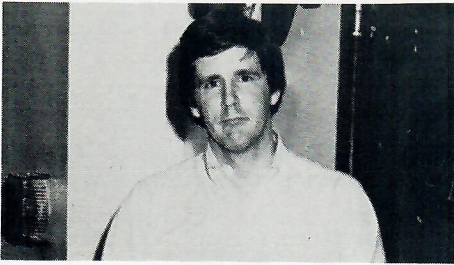
variety of Pitta bread sandwiches. Prices are low with \$3.75 top billing on the Specialties list. Beware of the limp, greasy French fries, but do try the **Kojak** salad for real Greek olives and feta cheese.

When the late hour craving is Mexican, head over to **LAS CAZUELAS TAQUERIA**. A complete late hour menu tends toward the nonspicy cooking of Central Mexico. Getting there is half the fun. **Las Cazuelas** has been in one of our Latin neighborhoods for many years at **2219 Fulton**. You may need a city map to get there...but there is ample parking in the Weingarten's lot across the street. Late hours folks will especially appreciate the Menudo soup ...good for hangovers and over-worked digestive systems. See you when the night owl hoots!



# markemaker

by Virginia Kolter



**Jack Erskine**

Our **markemaker**, **Jack Erskine**, has been a loyal, card-carrying member of Space City since 1971 even though his job took him other places in the U.S. to live **Bob Dickerson** introduced Jack to the club when he was a "mere tyke" in law school.

Jack was born in Boston and moved to Shreveport, Louisiana at age ten. When he was seventeen, he attended T.C.U. where he majored in history and government. For 1½ years he worked for the farm club as a "gopher" for the Detroit Red Wings (hockey club). Then he went to the University of Houston Law School and graduated in the top third of his class in '73. He made the highest grade on the bar exam in the State and so consequently has the honor of making the speech at the swearing in of the new lawyers before the Supreme Court of Texas. In '74 and '75 Jack became a corporate attorney for a transportation and environmental consulting firm and moved to Washington where he was a transportation planner and co-author of a report to Congress on the carpool demonstration projects. From '75 to '77 Jack lived in Wilmington, Delaware where he served as a government affairs attorney for Dupont. In June of '77 Jack moved back to our fair city and became a lobbyist for Standard Oil of Indiana (Amoco). Jack travels throughout Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He also has lobbied from Vermont to Oregon to Mississippi. This year he went to the North Slope to the Interstate

Oil Compact Committee meeting.

Jack's hobbies include skiing, fishing and hunting. He went on the Aspen Traditional in '74. He also went on the canoe trip in '73. He lived in Aspen for a month and also skied in such places as the Pocanoes and Hunter in New York. He plans to go to Santa Fe and Taos with the Club this year. His hunting includes quail, dove and geese. He also likes to shoot at hand-thrown live pigeons. In '68 he was a finalist in the U.S. Jr. Championship International Clay Target Olympics. He was a finalists in '69 in the U.S. World Team try-out. *"I handle a shotgun better than anything else I do."* He also enjoys fishing on a lake at his summer home in Maine.

In recalling an amusing incident from the Aspen Traditional trip, **"Jim McIntyre's leap for life"** comes vividly to mind. **McIntyre, Erskine, Sy Liebergot and Joe Murphy**

were having a wine and cheese party at their condo. As in keeping with SCSC spirit, McIntyre passed out on the commode. When he awakened, he decided to head for his bedroom. The lights were turned off in his room and all ski paraphernalia had been placed in his room to get ready for the party. Instead of proceeding carefully to bed, McIntyre decided to dive for his bed, overturning a table and getting knocked in the head by the lamp. Jack, already in bed, fell out of bed he was laughing so hard and became wedged between the wall and the bed. The others rushed in to see the action, assuming a fight had ensued, only to find these guys in quite a disarray.

Jack Erskine is a super friendly guy. I expect him to become a famous person, perhaps a congressman someday. In the meantime, look for a 6'3", 210 pound dynamo at the next meeting.

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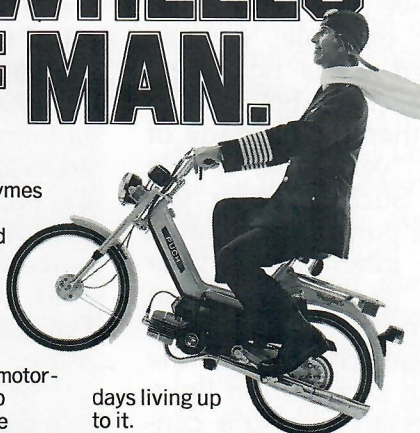
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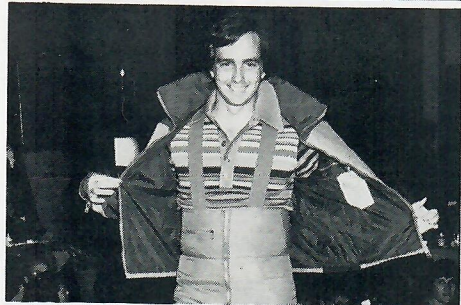
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## fashion show 1977

by Linda MacFarland

The November meeting was highlighted by the annual SCSC Fashion Show. This year's sponsor was **Sporthaus Lindner of Aspen** and most of us will agree that they peaked our imaginations with some pretty classy clothes. **Kathy Kennedy** of **Sporthaus Lindner** bravely provided the commentary as our stylish members strutted, sacheted and occasionally stripped to the piano accompaniment of **John Boynton** and **Dave Hargett**.

That most reticent of SCSC members, **Bobbet Cross**, was selected to display both the opening and closing ensembles, which she did with typical flair. In between time, our members-turned-models showed us the latest in how to look sheik on the slopes. The photos on this page best il-



lustrate what our annual fashion show is all about.

Special thanks to all the participants and to **Sporthaus Lindner of Aspen** for giving us some good fashion ideas and providing us with a fun evening.



# what skiing means to me

by John Boynton

*Exhilaration, in a word!* but, of course, skiing is more than that, much more. It is a kind of freedom not found anywhere else. Skiing combines the rejuvenation of brisk physical exercise with the expansive beauty of the great outdoors...a touch of our unspoiled American mountain wilderness. It is the opportunity for speed, **great** speed, yet without the usual attendant risks. Sure, people occasionally break bones, rip clothing, and sometimes even get a ski in the head, but these are rare and you almost never read of anyone dying from a ski accident. Such is not true of motorcycling, flying, hang-gliding, sports car racing, and the like ...and I've tried them all. Even the rank beginner, oftentimes not by personal choice, can experience the thrill of moving down a mountainside at forty or fifty miles an hour and recover with nothing more than outerwear impregnated with fine snow crystals and maybe a slightly wounded pride.

I first began to ski in the hills of Maine at the tender age of seven. The hills were admittedly small and the equipment rudimentary, but the exhilaration was still there. Wooden skis with leather straps over the toe left much to be desired insofar as control was concerned, but who cared! It was the straight downhill trick we were looking for ... the *speed!* In those days, it wasn't people, but tall pine trees, you had to avoid. And we accomplished that quite nicely by skiing down in sitzmarks, as well as being towed in them up the hill by rope. In ten years of childhood skiing, I learned no more about the sport than one learns today in his first good lesson.

It's difficult for those who never had the chance to ski as a child to fully appreciate the dramatic advances in equipment

technology we now take for granted. For example, we use perfectly fitted boots rigidly attached via precision bindings to skis that are themselves made of super-strong, yet super-flexible composites. Such a setup will take far more punishment than a beginner or intermediate skier can possibly give them. Given such equipment, anyone can learn precision control on the slopes, and in a very short time, without necessarily being a candidate for the U.S. Giant Slalom Team. Try going back to wooden skis with flexible leather straps and boots and you'll see what I mean.

As a result of the pressures of time and money during college and later with a new family, I experienced a ten-year hiatus in my skiing career. When I first returned to it at a tiny ski area near Flagstaff known as Snowbowl (*which coincidentally was the name of the small ski area closest to my home in Maine*), I suddenly realized I had forgotten everything I'd ever known about skiing. Despite floundering an entire afternoon without the help of poles, I miraculously never fell down, not even once. You see, as a child, poles were an unnecessary luxury (*just try to rent boots and skis without renting poles sometime, if you what to find out what "salesperson" resistance is*). But, that sunny afternoon at Flagstaff got me "hooked" again, this time for life.

Which was twelve years ago. Since then, I have skied all over the Rockies and Sierras, taken absolutely spectacular tumbles, looked out over the deep-blue placidity of Lake Tahoe, sipped hot buttered rum numerous times in front of the fire when my muscles refused to do otherwise, and enjoyed the camaraderie of folks you could never meet anywhere else. I've taken that daring plunge down a

steep mountainside, felt the chill wind whip at my ears and hair, reached speeds far greater than my sense of safety could comprehend, and somehow managed to arrive at a controlled stop at the bottom, defying in some way the laws of physics and my own perceived limits of skiing ability. And, like the obsessed gambler, I've always gone back up for more.

A cheap thrill, you say, And in a way, you're right. Of course, it not "cheap" to ski anymore (*but what is?*). Yet, it just may be a kind of "high" with the fewest unwanted consequences, and possibly with one of the lowest invested costs. It is still a sense of freedom and a source of exhilaration rivaled only by ice-boating or sky diving or bobsledding. Yet, these competing "highs" present odds on bodily harm that I'm not tempted to play with. And I'll go back many more times to the deep, wispy powder that blankets our western slopes in winter, stand again at the top of a precipice and *know* that only fools before me have therefrom plunged, swallow the "pill" of turning downhill like an amphetamine, and survive intact as I always have.

An ever-so-small battle waged with Nature and won. A cheap thrill? I'll buy one every chance I get!

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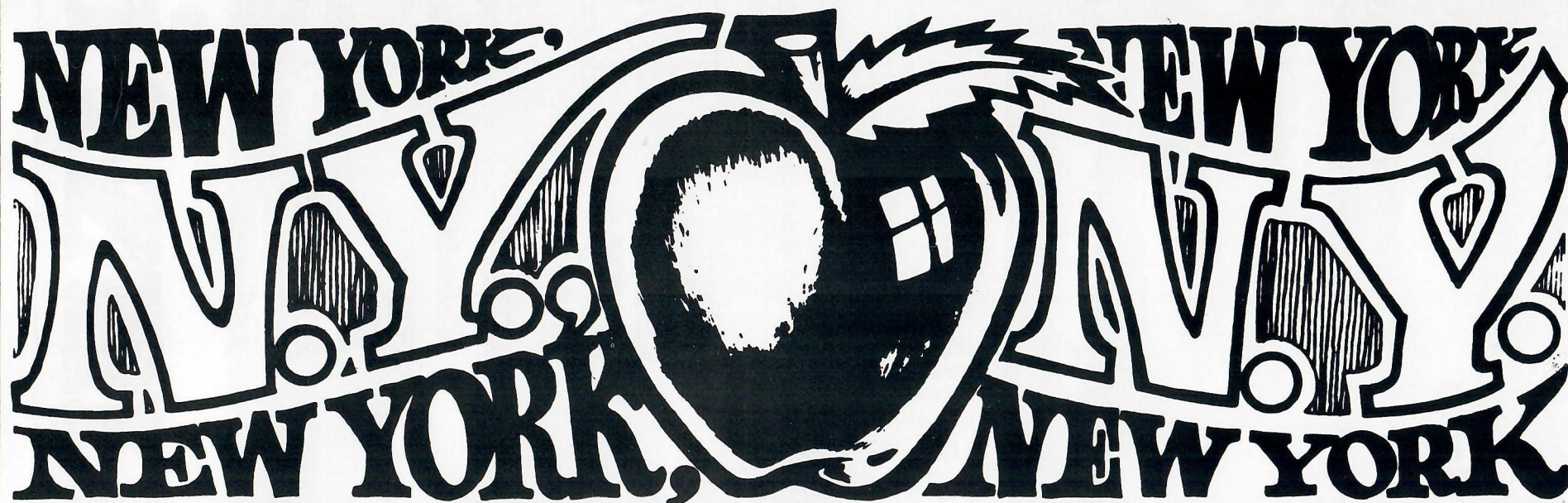
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