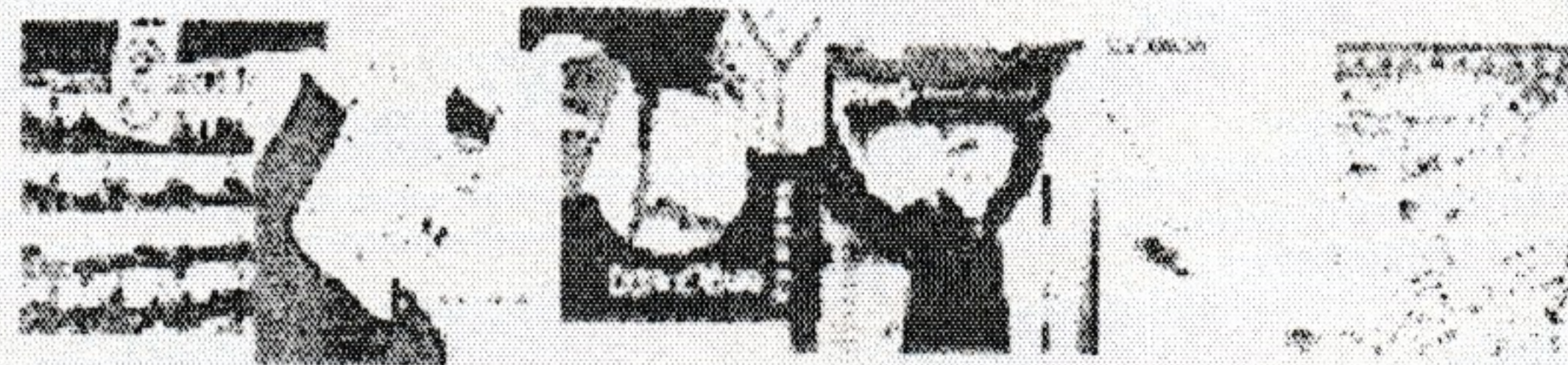


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From: psbill@██████████
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Subject: [Bareback_Activism] c

Guys,

██████████ magazine has decided to refuse to take any ad that contains the words bareback or barebackers or barebacking. Please read on the following information and the letter which has been sent to ██████████ Magazine from Hot Desert Knights Productions. If you disagree with ██████████'s actions, I would urge you to email them or FAX them and let them know how you feel..

██████████ magazine has now decided that they will no longer accept any advertisements which contain the words "bareback".

We, Hot Desert Knights Productions, have cancelled all current and all upcoming ads with them. At the bottom of this email is a copy of the letter has been sent to them.

I am placing on our site a banner stating:

██████████ DISCRIMINATES
AGAINST BAREBACK ADS

The following will also be posted on the HDK website:

██████████ Magazine has decided to discriminate against barebackers by not allowing in their magazine any advertisements which contain the words "bareback" or "barebacking" or "barebackers".

According to Hot Desert Knights, a phone call was received on August 10, 2001, from the sales representative at ██████████ informing them of their decision and suggesting that the ads might be changed to remove the words "bareback" and instead use such words as "nasty fucking".

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It seems that the "Condom Nazi's" have gotten to [REDACTED], President of [REDACTED], and have him running scared.

If you believe that this is nothing but blatant discrimination and just another example of how our First Amendment rights are being eroded, you can let [REDACTED] Magazine know how you feel, by writing to [REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com or by faxing them at 323 [REDACTED].

The following is a copy of the letter written to [REDACTED], the president of [REDACTED] by Bill of Hot Desert Knights.

If you have a website I would urge you to place a similar statement on your site condemning [REDACTED]'s actions. If you wish to use the following letter on your site, you have our permission.

Bill
Hot Desert Knights Productions

August 10, 2001

Mr. [REDACTED], President
Mr. [REDACTED], Sales Representative
[REDACTED] Magazine
PMB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, CA 90046

email: [REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com

Dear [REDACTED]:

A meeting was held today by our Staff in regards to your decision to no longer accept ads containing the words "bareback". It is with regret that I have been directed to inform you that we are withdrawing all ads with your publication, which are currently running or scheduled to run. ALL CURRENT ADS ARE TO BE CANCELLED IMMEDIATELY.

We believe that your decision is arbitrary, capricious, and in the truest sense of the word, discriminatory. It is a decision that is a "slap in the face" against a large segment of our gay community who either choose to have condomless sex or choose to watch videos not featuring condoms, which, of course, is the absolute right of every informed, consenting adult.

As I pointed out to your representative, [REDACTED] during our telephone conversation today, the act of barebacking is not illegal in any state, country or jurisdiction. To arbitrarily decide to ban a word simply because of your personal feelings, or due to the pressure of certain "condom nazi's", especially when it is injurious to a loyal and consistent advertiser such as we have been, is, simply put, wrong and is indicative of a serious lack of personal fortitude on your part.

While you may have the legal right to make such an arbitrary decision, we have the absolute right NOT to have to change the wording of our ads. We also have the right to choose NOT to spend our advertising dollars with you and to direct those funds to publications that do not practice such blatant and arbitrary discrimination. We also have the absolute right to let our customers know of your decision, as well as inform our business partners and

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associates of your discriminatory stand.

We are sorry that our relationship with [REDACTED] has to come to such a distasteful end. But we will not support an organization that publicly promotes discrimination in any manner. I would direct your attention to what you wrote at the beginning of the 2001 Edition of your annual Directory where you stated: "The Web is about community, cooperation, competition, interconnectedness, individual freedom and responsibility..." I would suggest to you that your actions are NOT responsible, nor cooperative, and most certainly does NOT promote individual freedoms.

Sincerely,

William C. Gardner
Hot Desert Knights Productions, LLC

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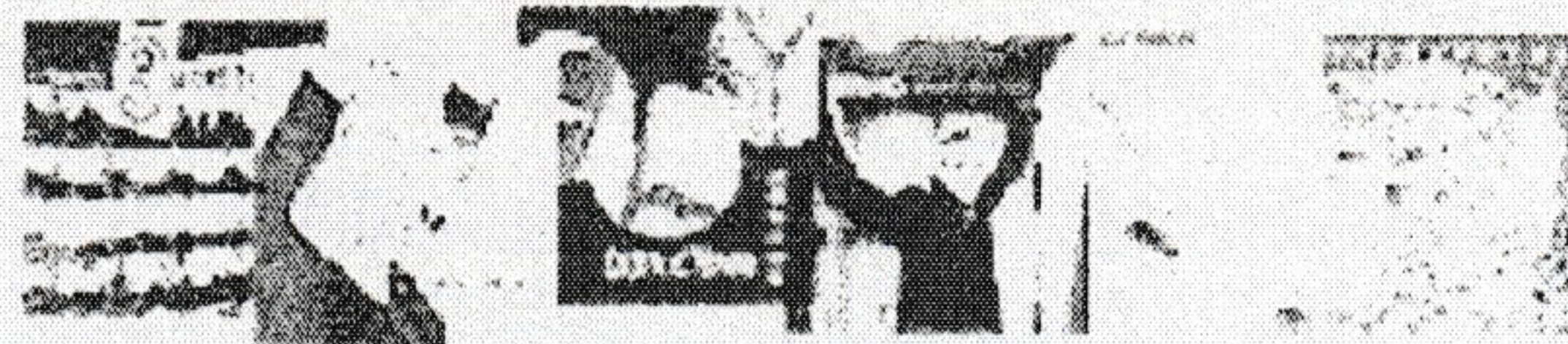
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