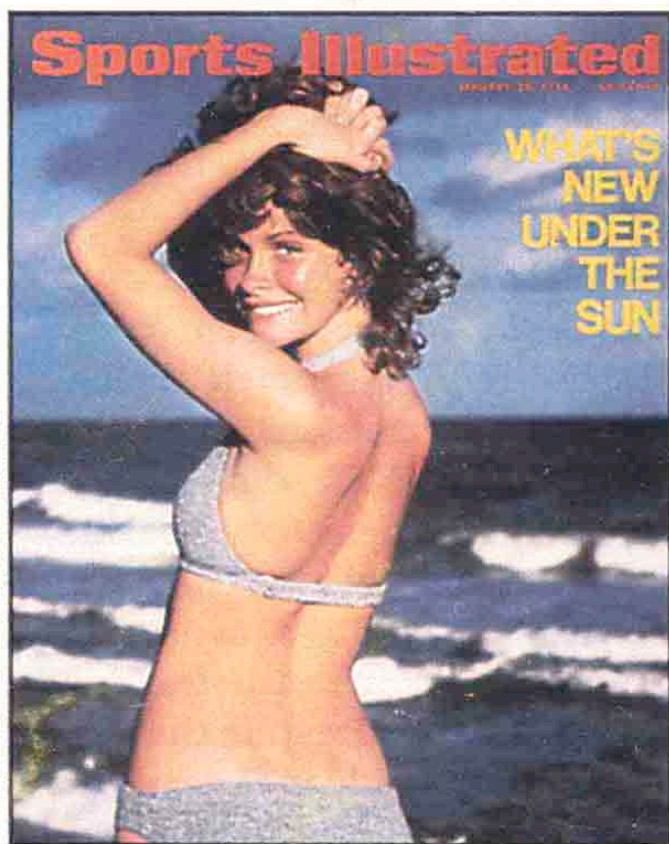


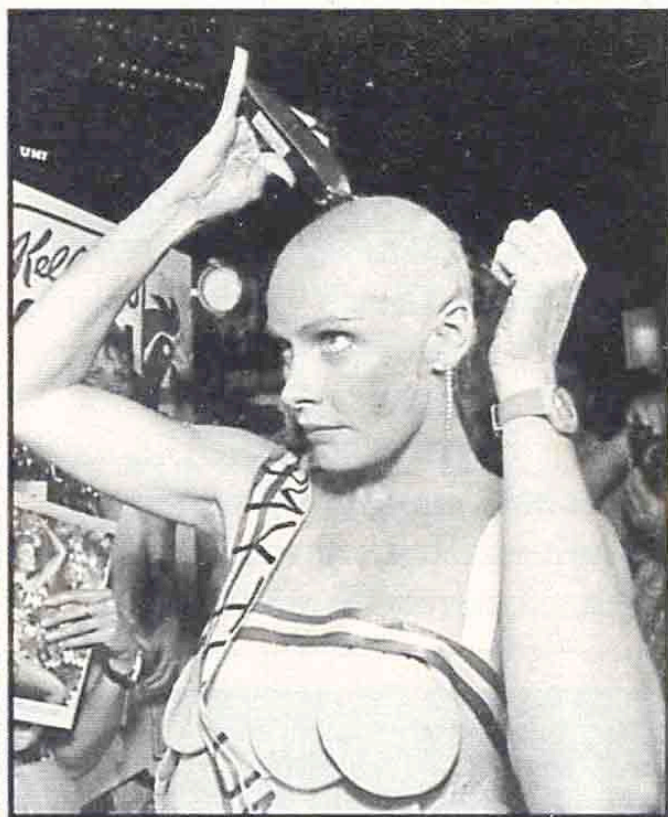
A BEAUTY BRISTLES

Outside the Miss California competition in San Diego, *Sports Illustrated* cover girl Ann Simonton protested the treatment of women as meat by draping herself in turkey slices. But just in case anyone missed the point during this, Simonton's eighth annual Myth California counterpageant, she publicly shaved off her hair. Says she: "I feel perfectly comfortable about who I am without it." Raped at knifepoint in New York City 16 years ago, the 35-year-old former Ford model has since made a career of battling what she calls "media images" of women as sex objects. She has no regrets about her 1974 swimsuit exposure. "People might not listen to me today if I hadn't done it," she says.

Meanwhile, one of her anti-pageant beefs—the perpetual blondness of the winner—was answered inside the San Diego Civic Theater when Simone Stephens became the first black Miss California.



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