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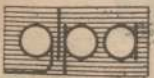
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## EXPERIMENTAL AIDS VACCINE STUDY APPROVED

Dr. Robert E. Windom, assistant secretary for health, today announced that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases is beginning tests in human volunteers of an experimental vaccine against acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). This is the first clinical study of an AIDS vaccine to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration and to be conducted in the United States.

The vaccine is manufactured by MicroGeneSys, Inc., a biopharmaceutical firm in West Haven, Conn. It consists of the envelope protein derived from the genetic material of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, the cause of AIDS.

HIV attacks and destroys key cells of the immune system, thus allowing usually controllable infections to invade the body and cause debilitating and life-threatening illnesses. More than 40,000 persons in the United States have been diagnosed with AIDS since 1981, and nearly 60 percent of them have died. Scientists estimate that over 1 million Americans are infected with the virus. There is no cure at present.

"Preventing the spread of infection with HIV in the United States and worldwide is of paramount importance," Dr. Windom said in announcing the vaccine study. "Although education is a powerful public health tool for limiting transmission of AIDS, in order to halt the global AIDS epidemic we must have an effective vaccine."

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, NIAID director, said that the study will be carried out at the Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md., by Dr. H. Clifford Lane, deputy clinical director of NIAID and a senior investigator in NIAID's laboratory of immunoregulation.

The NIAID researchers will study the vaccine in 75 healthy, HIV-antibody negative homosexual males whose current and recent sexual behavior can be described as "low risk." Dr. Fauci explained that volunteers must have had no possible exposure to HIV during the previous three months and they must agree to observe safe sexual practices while participating in the study.

FDA Commissioner Frank E. Young said he was pleased that the study was starting. "This is the first vaccine to reach the stage where we can

approve it for studies in humans, and we are optimistic about this approach." But he cautioned, "the public should realize that this is a first step — and many steps are still to be carried out before we have a vaccine, whether it is this one or another, this is safe and effective enough for general use."

Dr. Fauci emphasized that the study is designed to assess the vaccine's safety and ability to produce an immune response, and to determine proper dosage.

"The vaccine consists of purified protein from HIV and not the virus itself," Dr. Fauci stressed. "Therefore, no one can get AIDS from the vaccine, and we expect no adverse effects beyond those that sometimes occur from other immunizations, such as some redness and soreness at the site of the injection."

"At this stage, we are not attempting to determine whether the vaccine can actually protect people from HIV infection," Dr. Fauci said. "If we obtain good results from this study, we will expand our research. At this point, of course, it is too early to predict whether this vaccine will undergo wide-spread efficacy trials, but we are quite hopeful."

"This study is a natural outgrowth of the overall goal of NIAID's laboratory of immunoregulation, which is to understand the immunopathogenesis of AIDS," Dr. Fauci added. "NIAID scientists have been working closely with scientists at MicroGeneSys in developing the product and in assessing the results of animal studies using the vaccine."

Dr. Malcolm A. Martin, chief of the laboratory of molecular microbiology, NIAID, furnished the company with an HIV clone that he and his colleagues constructed from a North American HIV isolate, NY5, and a European isolate, LAV. The vaccine was developed using techniques similar to those employed in the manufacture of other "recombinant" vaccines.

To make the vaccine, MicroGeneSys scientists inserted the modified gene for the entire HIV envelope precursor protein, gp160, into the genome of a baculovirus, a virus that infects such insects as moths and butterflies. The recombinant virus is grown in an insect cell tissue culture system, which produces the gp160.

## MECHAM RECALL UPDATE

Governor receives rousing "welcome" from sports fans:

The past two weeks have seen an explosion of activity in the governor's office. Governor Mecham has held an unprecedented number of meetings with various "advisory committees" in an effort to prove his willingness to "get in touch" with the people of Arizona. In a truly astounding attempt to turn the tide of public sentiment, Mecham has met with leaders of the business, religious, and black communities. Unfortunately, this effort stands as a classic example of "too little, too late." Arizonans do not seem to be impressed by this thinly-veiled attempt at pacification: we are not the mindless sheep that the governor believes us to be. The real motive behind this fraud is fear: Mecham now must see that the Recall movement is a serious threat to his position in office. Mecham is no fool; he is simply slow to acknowledge what we all knew from the beginning: he's on his way back to the used car lot.

To this end, the Mecham Recall Committee continues to make amazing progress, gathering 103,379 signatures in the first month of petition circulation. The Recall "wagon" is travelling to remote parts of the state to allow everyone a chance to sign a petition. They have met with an overwhelmingly positive welcome by people eager to support the Recall effort. The wagon is travelling to northern Arizona first, and will then move on south, returning to Phoenix on September 8.

August 15 saw an occurrence representative of our collective love of our governor. When introduced before the enormous crowd at the Packer/Broncos game at Sun Devil Stadium,

Mecham was greeted with a full minute of booing and chanting ("recall! recall!"). Seemingly unflustered, no doubt Mr. Mecham knew in his heart that the stadium must have been filled with Democrats and homosexuals.

Despite many positive gains, the Recall Committee faces still a number of obstacles. There remains disagreement as to whether the Committee should be considered a campaign organization, thereby making it subject to specific legal statutes. Attorney General Bob Corbin has issued a non-binding opinion that the Recall Committee is a campaign organization, but the group is taking the issue to court for a final decision.

In another court action, an injunction was issued preventing Recall circulators from operating at various area shopping malls. It was suggested by a caller to the Recall office that people contact their local malls and state that they will not patronize that mall until circulators are allowed to operate inside. This is a temporary injunction; this issue will be settled in court as well.

In spite of a few setbacks, the Recall Committee is gaining support from many varied sources. The continuation of grass roots support exemplifies the very spirit of our democracy: the opportunity for each citizen to express his or her opinion, and to decide who best serves their interests. The provision of recall in Arizona also insures our right to remove those who do not serve us well.

Bye-bye, Ev...

— Lynne Harris



## SWITCHBOARD RECEIVES \$9000 GRANT

In a recent letter to Gov. Evan Mecham, LGCS Executive Director Nicholas Snow encouraged the governor "to expand (his) base of information about lesbians and gays", and offered his services, on behalf on LGCS, as "an educational consultant on lesbian and gay issues." Mr. Snow cited an American Psychological Association release which targeted lesbians and gays as being faced with "patterns of thought-control inhibiting open education, research, and free exchange of ideas concerning homosexuality." He went on to assure the Governor that LGCS is ready to assist in eliminating these destructive patterns.

This letter marks the beginning of the fourth month of "The Switchboard Under Nicholas." Back in May, when he accepted the position as Executive Director, Snow sent an open letter to the community which urged us all to "catch the vision of a unified and communicative Lesbian and Gay Community." This eloquently stated Vision was, and still is, about "embracing wholeness."

At that time, Snow and an extremely high-powered and well-organized Board of Directors (Ron Barnes, Paul Bayfield, Phil Comi, Pat Harlan, and Pat Watson) broadened their base of operations to fulfill this vision. The Arizona AIDS Information Line along with the Business and Professional Referral Service, which the Switchboard had always provided, received a healthy recharge. Outreach programs took on new forms:

A Community Committee, consisting of representatives from every Lesbian and Gay organization in the state, which would facilitate cohesiveness in the community, and a Statewide Grassroots Educational Effort to insure the dissemination of honest, accurate, and positive information

addressing lesbian and gay concerns. These programs include a **Speaker's Bureau**, a **Media Task Force**, and the **Arizona AIDS Information Line**.

It's all working. The Community Committee meets the first Monday of each month. Press releases have appeared in the *Republic*, *New Times*, and *Arizona Daily Star*. Yet another radio interview (this one out of Flagstaff) is scheduled for September. LGCS is doing more now than it ever has before, and the trend will continue to rise.

The Maricopa County Health Department had contracted Robert C. Hegyi to fill the need for a high-risk group educator on AIDS, beginning May 1. This position was formed to fulfill in part the County's obligations for funding which they had received from the Centers for Disease Control. Hegyi's part of the deal expired at the end of July, at which time funding for high-risk education, among other things, was contracted to outside organizations. LGCS, ASAP, and Phoenix Shanti bid for and received those contracts.

LGCS received \$9726 to pay the salary of an educator whose responsibilities would be to

1. attend meetings to provide input into the planning and development of a statewide plan to reduce morbidity and mortality due to HIV infections and AIDS among high-risk groups;
2. incorporate into the County-wide AIDS Education Coalition Plan those stated objectives and activities that can be implemented in Maricopa County with available resources;
3. sponsor and coordinate a safe-sex awareness week for high-risk groups of gays and bisexuals, to be promoted through available gay media sources;
4. conduct safe-sex discussion groups at local bars and other gay

social meeting places, such as churches;

5. produce an educational program on video tape designed to achieve behavioral objectives aimed at preventing or reducing AIDS and HIV infections among high risk populations, and arrange for the viewing of this tape in local bars. The video would also be available to public access cable television;

6. conduct an AIDS/Safe Sex Training for the staff and management of local gay establishments; and lastly to distribute safe sex educational materials through local gay bars and special gay community functions.

Robert C. Hegyi has been contracted to fill this position.

The current Executive Director welcomes his predecessor back to LGCS. Says Snow: "I'm very excited that Bob Hegyi has returned. His presence will help assure that this organization continues to identify and meet our community needs. Of course, the grant only provides for these new, specific areas. We are still struggling to make our own \$2000 monthly, and need help all the time. I'm real positive, though. That we have received a County/CDC contract of this nature and magnitude is a big step and hopefully just the first."

Paul Bayfield, LGCS Board Director, explained a bit more: "It's natural that Bob take over this slot. Not only has he worked with the Switchboard since its inception, but this position is also basically what he's been doing since he left LGCS in May. He'll be contracted for roughly twenty hours a week, with one day spent in the office planning and being the fabulous informational resource he is, and the balance of his time out in the community fulfilling the rest of the County's grant requirements."

Mr. Hegyi is, of course, thrilled to be able to continue his work in the community he loves so well: "It seems

like no matter what I do, I always come back to this. I'm grateful for this new opportunity, and pleased to know I'm part of the progression I see."

And there is a progression — one toward wholeness; not only within the lesbian and gay community, but integrating the without as well. Four years ago, AAF-T operated out of R. Hegyi's card shop, with two trustees and a small Board of Directors. David, Dominick, and Peter did Hotline training at whomever's house was available, and prayed that the office wouldn't be broken into again. It was preposterous at that time for the lesbian and gay people of Arizona to afford even one paid employee to work on behalf of the whole. Now that County, State, and Federal grant moneys have been added to that of our own private supporters, we finance the operation of three well-focused, professional organizations with many paid employees. We are witnessing the birth of a nationally recognized lesbian and gay community. We are having a growing effect on a planet which surely needs it.

— C. Cerrato

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A third group is available for family, friends, and significant others of people with AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex. This group meets every Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital, 350 West Thomas Road, Dining Room H.

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## COUPLES HOLDS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On Saturday evening, September 12th, Couples of Arizona will hold their second annual Anniversary Dinner. Keynote speakers for the evening will be Rick Schroeder and John Morgan, co-chairmen of the Advisory Board of Couples National Network, Inc.

Rick and John originated the first "couples-concept" club in February 1985. Discouraged by the difficulty of finding and befriending others in relationships, they saw the need for an alternative to the predominantly singles-oriented gay social and bar scene. What began with four membercouples in Couples Long Beach/South Bay was an idea that soon spread to Houston, Atlanta, San Diego and (in September 1985) Phoenix. Today, Couples National Network has a roster of 13 active Couples clubs, with plans to expand to as many as 30 groups within the next year (including a club in Tucson and one in England). Couples has no religious or political affiliations, and seeks only to provide a social and

educational outlet to those participating in an alternative lifestyle relationship. Couples National Network, Inc. stresses the positive aspects of such relationships, and the stability they represent for the gay and lesbian community.

On the local level, Couples of Arizona holds monthly informational meetings with guest speakers on legal, financial, emotional and social topics of specific interest to its membercouples. There are generally a minimum of two other social events each month, ranging from weekend trips and camping to theatre parties, "pot lucks," video nights and pool parties. In July, several membercouples were the weekend guests of Couples San Diego, and will return that hospitality when that club visits in the fall. Preliminary plans are also being formed for the National Couples Anniversary Celebration/Convention, which will be held in the Phoenix area in February 1990.

## POLL: AIDS IS NOW TOP FEAR IN AMERICA

### United Press International

Fear that AIDS will kill a large share of the population ranks above the fear of nuclear war among the American population, a new survey has found.

The survey of 1,200 people was conducted by Bill Hamilton, former pollster for retired House Speaker Tip O'Neill, for the American Medical Association.

When asked what future events they

feared most, 48 percent of those polled said fear that AIDS will kill a large share of the population, ranking above fear of nuclear war, a worldwide oil crisis and financial collapse.

The poll found that 50 percent of those questioned believe that everything possible needs to be done to prevent the spread of AIDS, even if this means some people might have their privacy or civil rights violated.

Forty-two percent nationwide said controlling AIDS is important but the privacy and civil rights of every citizen

## FOUNDING MEMBER OF GAY PRESS ASSOCIATION DIES

Morgan Randall Pinney, 46, died July 10 in New York City following a long battle with AIDS.

One of the founders of what is now the Gay and Lesbian Press Association, Pinney contributed journalistically to many gay publications nationwide.

Born in Lewisburg, Penn., Pinney received his bachelor and masters degrees from the University of North Carolina. After a stint in the Navy, he worked as an accountant and taught accounting at Youngstown State University in Ohio.

After moving to San Francisco in 1968, he taught at San Francisco State University and was fired by university president, S.I. Hayakawa, after he refused an order to return to work during a protest strike.

When his unconventional standards for dress and appearance prevented him from working as a certified public

accountant, Pinney sought to gain financial independence by investing in real estate. His success allowed him to pursue his gay support activities full time.

Pinney's interest in gay journalism stemmed from his belief that the gay media is an essential element of building gay community. While he supported efforts to legislate gay rights, he believed that developing a sense of community was all-important.

He worked for *Gaysweek*, published in New York during the mid-seventies. As recently as this year, he represented *Gay Scotland* in New York City.

As treasurer of the Gay Press Association, he used his accounting skills in creative ways. In one report to a GPA convention, he presented a conventional financial statement along with one that described what he called "the real world of GPA," showing the dollar value of volunteer efforts and no-cash goods and services that were not otherwise visible in his report.

After dropping his role as GPA treasurer, Pinney made various efforts to beef up news coverage on the GPA wire service.

At the time of his death, he was trying to complete the final version of a biography of David Goodstein, late owner of *The Advocate*.

Pinney is survived by his lover, Joseph Bietola; two brothers, Gregor of Minneapolis and Nelson of Cape Coral, Florida; a sister, Lynna Baker of Fort Collins, Colorado, and his parents, Leslie and Meryl Pinney of St. Petersburg, Florida.

must be protected.

Nine percent nationwide had mixed or no opinion.

When asked what actions should be the top priority for the government in fighting AIDS, 36 percent said an education program to teach people how to stop getting AIDS; 35 percent said more government funding for AIDS research; 14 percent said widespread testing; 9 percent said isolate AIDS patients from the rest of the population.

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# HUMANSPACE BOOK REVIEW

Meg Umans

*IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE.* Michele Morris, author. New York: Dell, 1982. 197 pages. \$2.95 paperbound.

Michelle Morris is a social worker who has worked extensively with victims of child abuse. *If I should Die Before I Wake* is her first novel, a story of child sexual abuse. Specifically, it's a story of father-daughter incest, an exploration of the obsessed mind and brutalized soul of an adolescent girl.

The story line itself is an amalgamation of elements that Morris has found to be common to child-abuse situations...unfortunately, the families involved in this particular rape of integrity do have frequently-recurring characteristics. So you may recognize the excessive use of alcohol, the tangle of marital, parental and other relationships, and especially the ubiquitous feeling that there's more to all of this than anyone is willing to say.

We're pulled into this situation by Carla: we see her first with her finger on the trigger, ready to kill her father as he sleeps. Carla takes responsibility for showing us the whole picture, and she does it in several ways. We know her internal dialogues with each of her parents...who may or may not be the adults raising her at the time. We overhear her actual conversations — her questions about her early childhood, her memories of people she knows she once loved who are no

longer around. Her inquiries are diverted, dismissed or punished.

Carla has love to give, and she finds ways to give it. Carla writes letters she never sends to Jesse, the social worker who visited her class one day to talk about child abuse and encourage children to speak up. Carla never spoke with Jesse because she knew she'd be punished and suspected she wouldn't be believed, but she continues to write, and to maintain her awareness of the love, understanding and support of her imaginary Jesse.

The potential for change comes through Dean, a fellow outcast who wants to be Carla's friend, and manages to withstand her thrashing long enough that she feels safe. Dean is appalled by Carla's situation, and sufficiently outside of it that he sees a possibility of getting her out and into a more controllable way of life.

Carla's gift for psychological survival provides additional escape valves: her puppets have personalities which Dean is astute enough to recognize and encourage; her vanished family members remain active parts of her, and she always knows that she can do whatever has to be done.

Child abuse isn't always this blatant, or as clear to the victim at the time of occurrence. Morris reminds us that, one way or another, the effects are profound.

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## PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSONS: THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

Part 2 of 2

Lynne Harris

It is abundantly clear that there are few among us who do not wish to be the masters of our own destiny. Since the very beginning of recorded history, mankind has constantly fought and died for the right to make individual decisions, and freely shape the world in which we live. Our own United States Constitution ensures us the right of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The exercise of this liberty is the foundation for safeguarding life, and for enabling us to pursue personal happiness. By its nature, liberty carries with it the price of responsibility; we alone decide whether our interests will succeed or fail.

This guarantee of liberty is conferred upon the gay community in equal amount to that of the straight population. The gay person is not part of a disenfranchised minority subject to the homophobic policies of the straight community; we are just as free as we demand to be. As explained previously in "Precinct Committee Persons: Open Opportunity for the gay community," there is a powerful political position available to all who are interested: that of Precinct Committee Person. This position is fundamental to the political organization of this state, and it can be the driving force behind changing the treatment of homosexuals in Arizona.

The only foreseeable manner with which the gay community is going to eradicate the neolithic attitudes and policies of our government is to become politically active and change the law from within. By and large, we have ignored our opportunity to do so. While it is certainly desirable - and often effective - to fight the "system", lasting change occurs mainly from within by the efforts of participants. Fortunately for the gay community, a growing number are seizing the opportunity to enter the political process. Becoming a Precinct Committee Person is a viable place for many to begin, as it requires only interest and a nominal commitment of time. "I believe it is safe to say that the precinct is the smallest, yet most important political subdivision in Arizona," says Jenny Cox, Maricopa County Democratic Party Vice Chairperson.

Charlie Harrison, a local businessman, is an example of an individual who has experienced political enlightenment. A mere two years ago, Charlie was, in his own words, "A person who avoided politics in general because of cynicism and apathy, and gay politics in particular because I didn't believe mainstream gay views were being adequately represented." His attitudes changed when he was asked to participate in an AIDS fundraiser and realized "the real necessity of having political connections to promote those who represent (the gay community)."

Shortly after relocating last spring, Charlie requested that he be appointed a P.C. in his new district, and has since become very active and outspoken. Prior to his appointment, Charlie worked on the campaign to defeat Trent Franks, known locally for initiating legislation requiring the quarantine of AIDS patients. In this hard-fought race at 40,000 plus votes, Trent Franks lost by a frighteningly narrow margin of only 189 votes. Had it not been for the herculean efforts of Franks' opposing party, we would now have in office a genocidal homophobic.

This election had a deep influence on Harris's attitudes; "through that election I saw how 1 or 2 people could make a difference in who gets the vote."

Precinct Committeepersons have also been key in forcing Legislative Districts to endorse the Mecham Recall Committees efforts. The first district to attempt endorsement, Democratic District #27, voted against the measure by a margin of only 1 vote. Democratic District 25 then voted in favor of endorsement by a margin of 9 to 3. Following their lead, Democratic District 27 voted affirmatively rescinding their original position. Shortly thereafter, the East Valley Democrats also voted to endorse the recall effort. The primary proponent of the District 25 endorsement was Charlie Harrison, the man who, two years ago, "didn't want to become involved."

The Recall campaign is only one issue in the dozens of issues which directly affect the gay community. We do not enjoy equality with heterosexuals in numerous areas. Some are social and will only change as we become more vocal. Many, however, are direct results of the laws which exist in Arizona today, and can be eliminated by encouraging changes in that law. This can only be done through political change. We, as gay people, have the power to create an atmosphere which allows:

- security in housing.
- certainty of fairness in employment.
- recognition of gay relationships and the legal and financial advantages that result.
- punishment of harassment based on sexual preference.
- eradication of laws governing personal, private sexual practices.

In short, fair and equitable treatment in all areas for a substantial minority population.

Becoming involved as a P.C. is a simple process, but the benefits can be enormous. It is an opportunity to let the "sleeping giant" of the gay community be heard, and to institute changes which can raise our own quality of life. This power is not to be underestimated, according to Harrison: "If we can get 100 gay people to occupy seats in this state, we could vote on anything we want. Precinct Committeepersons control the parties."

With an estimated 300,000 gay persons in Arizona, we can contribute to dramatic changes in our government. History abounds with examples of how one person has made an enormous difference, because each of them had one thing in common: a vision.

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## NGLTF CONDEMNS COERCIVE AIDS MEASURES AT HOUSE HEARING

In testimony August 6 before the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called on Congress to support major funding for voluntary counseling and testing programs to control AIDS and to reject coercive control measure proposed by New Right Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA).

Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF's executive director, told the subcommittee that "the gay community knows more than any other the pain and suffering associated with this disease...[We] could have no greater goal than to see that the suffering of AIDS be prevented for the overwhelming majority of us — gay and nongay alike — who are not infected with HIV and to assure that no other community should experience the level of tragedy we have." To achieve that goal, Levi said, would require a major education and counseling program, not the mandatory testing, mandatory reporting, and mandatory contact tracing programs offered by Dannemeyer.

The Task Force argued that a successful prevention program will focus on changing behavior — with education and counseling as the centerpiece and antibody testing as an adjunct where appropriate. "The test should not be seen as an end in itself," Levi said. "The availability of a technology does not necessarily mean it is the best way to achieve an end."

In commenting on the coercive measures supported by Dannemeyer,

Levi pointed out that "we have heard often that since AIDS is a sexually transmitted disease, it should be treated as such — and we should not hesitate to use the methods of control that have been applied to more common STDs...but AIDS is a new disease that poses special problems." In fact, Levi pointed out that the epidemic of STDs among heterosexuals — while STD rates continue to decline among gay and bisexual men — suggests that "traditional methods of control aren't working and millions of heterosexuals are engaging in unsafe activities that could spread HIV infection...while gay men — without benefit of mandatory testing, tracing or reporting — have altered their behavior through education and counseling."

The Task Force endorsed Congressman Waxman's Federal AIDS Policy Act that provides for \$400 million in counseling and testing along with federal guarantees of confidentiality and bans on discrimination against those who are antibody positive. Levi countered the argument that supporting antidiscrimination proposals regarding AIDS was threatening the public health and simply a backdoor attempt at legislating gay/lesbian rights by stating that "there is no greater civil right than life...If we were to block effective measures, it would be our lives we would be risking. No — our opposition is based on the view that coercive measures simply won't work. They make bad public health policy. Indeed good public health requires a healthy respect for civil liberties."

## GAY MAN AWARDED CUSTODY OF LOVER'S SON

By Dell Richards

Palm Springs — The gay lover of Palm Springs resident Frank Batey, who died of AIDS complications, has been granted temporary custody of Batey's 16 year-old son, *Phoenix Resource* recently learned.

The court order places teenager Brian Batey in the guardianship of Craig Corbett, 49. Although a gag order had been placed on the custody case, news of the ruling by San Diego Superior Court Judge Judith McConnell was confirmed, and a hearing on permanent custody is scheduled for Oct 2. The temporary ruling was viewed by some observers as a harbinger of what could become a landmark case. The court chose Corbett over Brian's natural mother, Betty Lou Batey, a fundamentalist Christian. The July 8 ruling marked the latest twist in a bitter custody fight that has raged for five years.

The battle began in 1982 when Frank Batey, who worked as a writer, was awarded custody of his son. That decision infuriated Batey's ex-wife, who used religious talk shows to raise money and launch a nationwide effort to lobby for Brian's return. At one point, Betty Lou resorted to more drastic measures. She kidnapped Brian and was on the run for nineteen months before surrendering herself and the boy to authorities. She was acquitted of child-stealing charges stemming from that incident, however.

After Frank Batey died in June, Brian was again caught in a tug-of-war custody bout, even though the boy had

lived with his father and Corbett for twelve years. Despite pressures from his mother to live with her, Brian told authorities that he wanted to remain in Palm Springs with Corbett.

In awarding Corbett temporary custody, Judge McConnell undoubtedly took the sixteen-year old's wishes into consideration. "I am really proud of Brian for taking and making a stand," Corbett said in an interview. "If he didn't, it would be the end of his education and the end of the choices Frank worked so hard to give him."

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## DIGNITY PHOENIX ANNOUNCES MASS FOR ALIENATED CATHOLICS

Dignity Phoenix, an organization of Catholic homosexual men and women, has announced a special mass that will be celebrated on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm. The mass, held at the Universalist Unitarian Church (4027 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley), coincides with the occasion of the visit to Phoenix by Pope John Paul II.

"The members of Dignity believe that God made and loves all people, and that all people have a right to full membership in the faith community," says a Dignity spokesperson. Certain events of the past year have alienated Catholic homosexual men and women

from the church in which they are striving to participate fully. These events include a Vatican letter issued in October of 1986 on the pastoral care of homosexual persons. The letter attempts to replace the attitude of compassion and love which had previously guided U.S. bishops since the 1976 pastoral on moral life, "To Live in Christ Jesus."

The Vatican letter lacks charity, and some segments of it have been used by our society to justify homophobic violence and a lack of compassion toward people with AIDS. The letter in part stated that, "Neither the church

nor society should be surprised" when "irrational and violent reactions against homosexual persons increase."

Dignity Phoenix invites all people who hunger for affirmation, justice, compassion, and full participation in the Catholic church to join them in prayer. The organization intends to call upon church leaders, specifically the Pope, to allow justice and compassion to replace the prejudice and lack of charity of the recent Vatican letter, and to affirm the Christian dignity of every person, regardless of sexual orientation.

## "THE WEDDING:" WILL IT HAPPEN?

"The Wedding," the first major equal rights demonstration for same-sex couples, is threatened by a lack of monetary donations. After seven months of promotion, the financial support for the demonstration is not adequate to cover basic expenses.

According to Walter Wheeler, President of Couples, Inc., the sponsors of the event, "We have stacks of letters from across the country supporting The Wedding and telling us that couples plan to attend. Only a few have donated money to support the event. Many people do not realize how much it costs to promote a national demonstration. We have also learned that many couples are planning to participate but have not contacted us. This has made it impossible to estimate the numbers of people to expect."

The Couples, Inc. media mailing list includes 696 gay and lesbian

publications. Just the postage to send out a news release and sample ad costs about \$150. Couples, Inc. is already using reduced-cost printing and volunteers to stuff envelopes and lick stamps. It has been suggested that bulk mail be used, but the Postal Service warned that bulk mail is transported and handled on a time/space available basis and often takes up to three weeks for delivery.

The plans for The Wedding are still proceeding. Several nationally known gay leaders have agreed to speak at the demonstration, including Rev. Elder Troy Perry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and Rosemary Dempsey from the National Organization for Women. A permit to close Constitution Avenue in front of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Building is in the works. The National March office staff is also

making arrangements for the important support items such as the stage and the sound system. Money is needed now to pay for these items.

"I hope we haven't come this close to standing before the federal government and the world to demand recognition of our existing relationships only to lose the opportunity for lack of financial support", stated Carey Junkin, Representative of The Wedding to the National Steering Committee for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Couples planning to attend the Wedding should contact Couples, Inc. immediately.

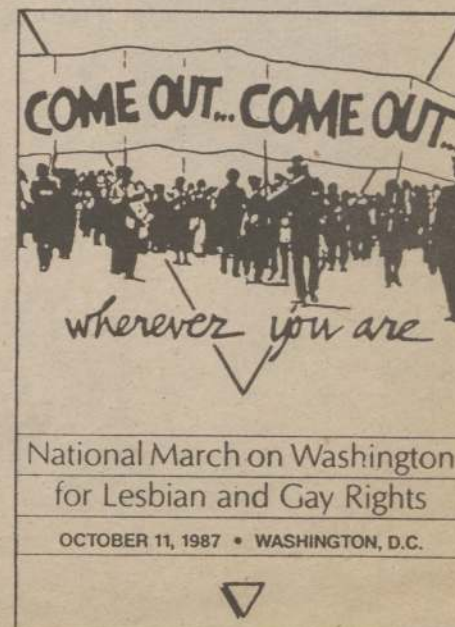
For more information on the The Wedding or to send donations write Couples, Inc., P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1323. For more information on the March on Washington write MOW, P.O. Box 7781, Washington, DC 20044 or call (202)783-1828.

## SHANTI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Phoenix Shanti group continues to grow, as more caring people come forward to offer their love and assistance to persons diagnosed with AIDS and ARC. The group has just completed their July volunteer training and has graduated 35 emotional and practical support volunteers.

Shanti is now accepting applications and interviewing prospective volunteers for an October training, which will be held on two consecutive weekends, October 2, 3, 4, and October 9, 10, 11 at Maricopa Medical Center. Please call Shanti at 265-3884 for applications and further information regarding this upcoming training.

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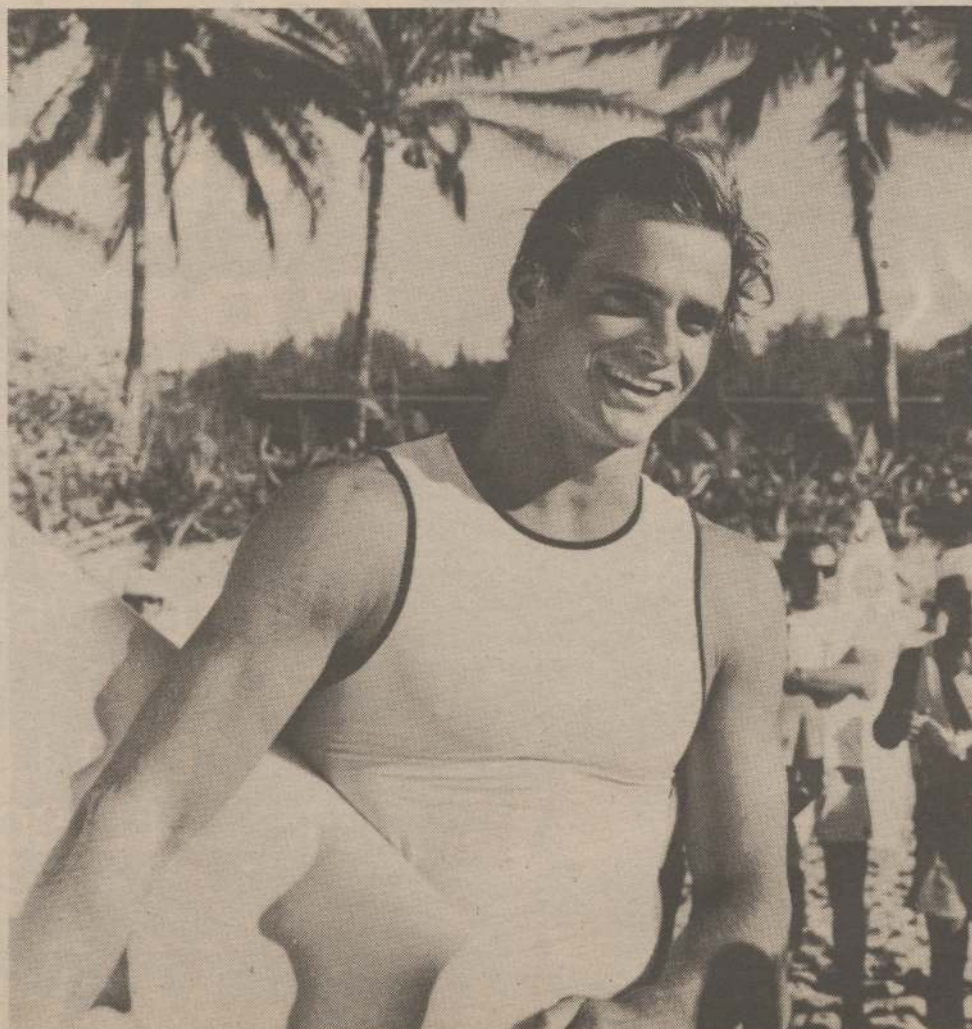
## LIFE IS A BEACH

Summertime, Summertime, Sum-Sum-Summertime.

I suppose it is inevitable that, like so many soda-pop commercials on television, a portion of the movies released this time of year would have an ocean shoreline as a backdrop. After all, your cousins in Muncie may not know how to swim, but they appreciate a picture post card with swaying palm trees as much as the next person. With no hope in sight of getting anywhere closer to a sand dune than the travel brochure on the coffee table, landlocked pedestrians turn to Hollywood for vicarious tropical adventures. It doesn't matter if the natives are Polynesian descendants or transplanted Valley Girls, as long as there is a Beach.

Mother Nature provides an abundant array of wonders for us to play with; mountains for climbing, rivers to ford, bodies of water to serve as the foundation of numerous screenplays: *Moby Dick*, *Treasure Island*, *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *Blue Lagoon*. And that wonderfully awful island flick where *Debra Paget* tosses herself into the volcano to appease the angry gods. It is a long and soggy list indeed.

**BACK TO THE BEACH** is an affectionate, silly and nostalgic remake of those so-called Beach Party movies made in the early sixties. And how about this for a real casting coup? It stars the Same Romantic Leads! That's gotta be like having your peanut butter and eating it



too. Speaking of peanut butter, Annette and Frankie are equally smooth and chunky. They had the capricious nerve to Do It Again. And yes, they fill out

more of their bathing suits than they did before. About the nicest thing to say about this film is, well, it's silly. Really Silly. Sometimes you really can't go

Paul G. King

home again. Sometimes you shouldn't try. That kind of goofy innocence was washed away by the unforgiving tides of time. Probably a good thing, too, or we'd all be running around with silly caps on our head, teenage virgins forever. From Paramount Pictures.

### JAWS - THE REDUNDANT

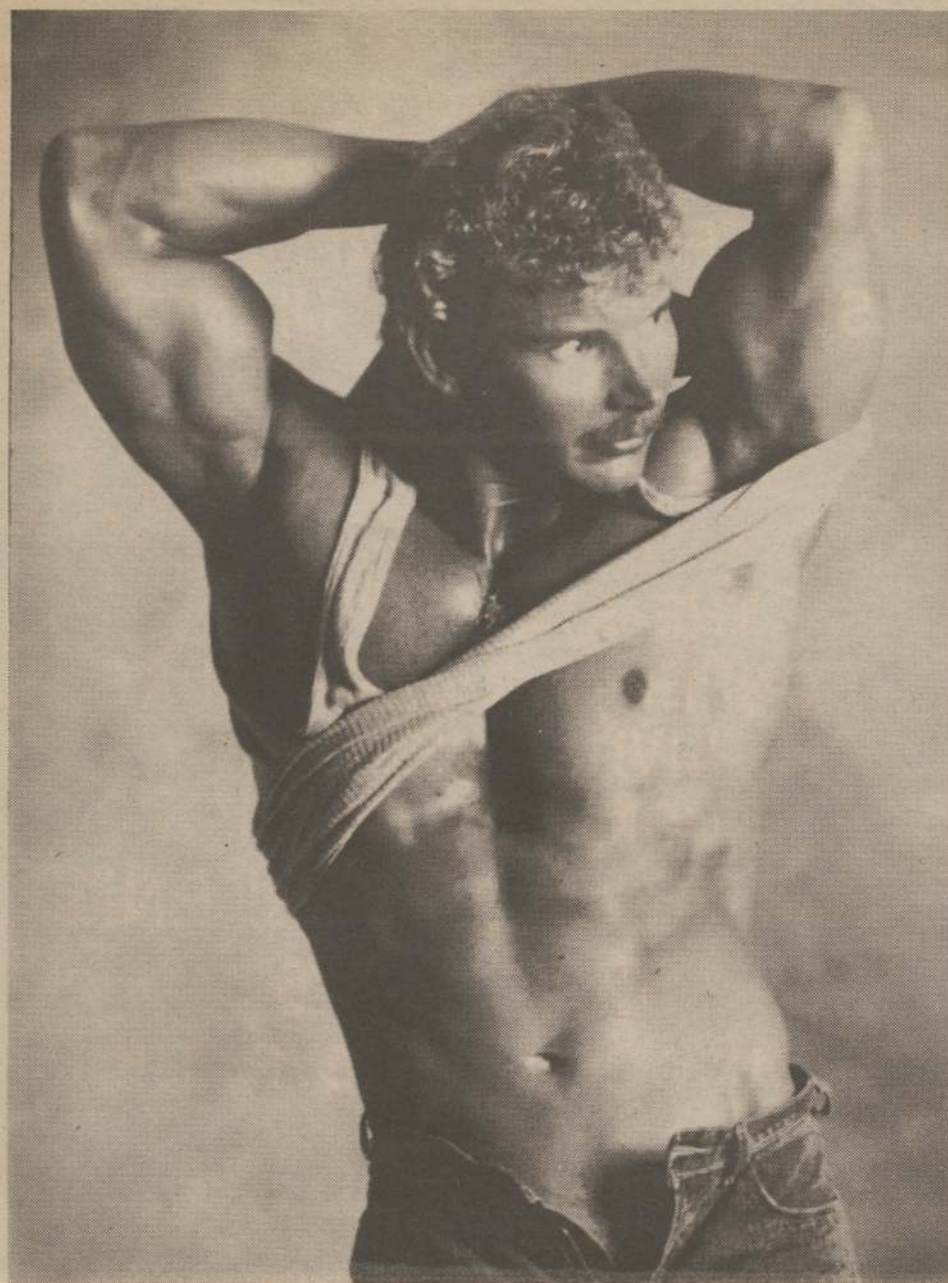
Here we go again, exploiting people's fears of unseen creepy crawlies hiding beneath the murky waters. This time around the only difference appears to be an acknowledgement of the Black audience. They're scared of sharks too! It's all too familiar and all too predictable.

Remember the original J. Williams score? Didn't it go something like this: Dumb-dumb-Dumb-dumb-Dumb-dumb...?

"*Jaws The Revenge*", a Joseph Sargent film starring Lorraine Gary, Lance Guest, Mario van Peebles, Karen Young and Michael Caine.

### BEACH BUMS - THE TRUE STORY

Every so often someone tries, once again, to make a movie which conveys to the world what it is really like to be an honest-to-goodness surfer. Most have made fun of the tanned and lazy lifestyle. The more effective stories usually turned up as documentaries. *North Shores* tries to communicate a variety of things, earnestly couching its' surfing realism in a wading pool of dreams-versus-reality, forbidden love between different cultures, masculine rites of passage, and mystical communication with natural forces. It



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almost works.

Rick is a kid from Arizona — a geographical irony which is twice used as a joke — who really ought to go on to college but dreams of Catching Waves and Riding Pipelines. His Big Surf winnings enable him to pay for a flight to Hawaii. He meets Nasty Natives. He meets Nubile Native Girl. He enters the World of Surfing. He learns Surfing as Lifestyle versus Surfing for Bucks. He Communicates with Waves. He enters Callous Surfing Contest. He Loses Contest but Wins Respect of Local Natives. He splits for college.

The surfing footage in *North Shore* is fantastic (credit should be given to Gregory Harrison). The story is informative, detailing in various ways the nitty-gritty of man's love of playing with waves. Unfortunately, it also resembles a home movie with a soundtrack added to it in some studio back on the mainland. The combination of Poseidon's pounding on the shore with the waves of raucous man-made music are substantially loud enough to drown out what little Plain English is actually spoken on screen. Not only do you learn the lingo of the true surfer, you have to wade through the pidgin language of the locals. There is some small visual comfort in the amount of beefcake on hand.

*North Shore* is a place in The Islands where surfing is very popular. The movie of the same name is earnest in its' overall attempt to familiarize us with the sport, but few people will really relate to The Making Of The Righteous Surfboard — and I don't speak polynesian pidgin. Somebody should strap the sound people — not to mention the musical authors — to a Big Gun (That's a surfboard) and aim them out to sea.

Rick (Matt Adler) reminded me of a character role that was probably intended, if not actually offered, to M.J.

Fox. The White Man turned Guru is calmly played by Gregory Harrison, sporting an appropriately graying thatch and beard. The Romantic Native Interest is a pretty young actress with a name that publicity agents would no doubt love to change: Nia Peeples.

Well photographed surfing sequences aside, the nicest thing about summer — and much of this movie — is the bare-fleshed abandon of people enjoying the warm weather. *North Shore* will attract the hardcore beach ball aficionados and scare off everyone who finds out they have to learn a foreign language to truly understand.

*North Shore* — a Randall Kleiser Production starring Matt Adler, Nia Peeples, John Philbin, Gerry Lopez, Cristina Raines and Gregory Harrison.



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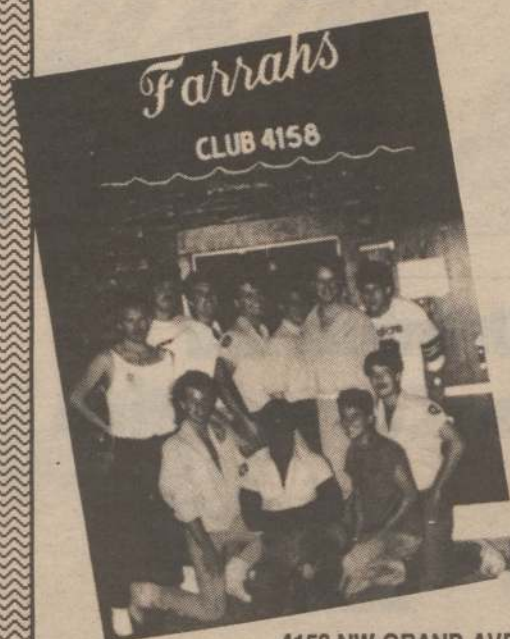
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## "A TIME TO SHINE:" BRINGING PEOPLE WITH AIDS TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) are proud to announce co-sponsorship of "A Time to Shine," a project designed to bring People with AIDS (PWAs) to the March scheduled for October 11, 1987. Community leaders in the fight against AIDS have joined with March and NAPWA organizers to ask supporters from coast to coast to participate in giving house parties to raise funds for this cause.

"A Time to Shine" was proposed by Los Angeles AIDS-activist Matt Redman who believes it is critical that PWAs attend the March in large numbers. Redman maintains that "it is essential that the government know that PWAs will not simply quietly die while the government's response to this epidemic remains totally inadequate due to fear and bigotry directed toward gay men." Redman will serve as Fundraising Coordinator and will raise money to fund a national lottery which will be used for PWA transportation, housing and meals. The lottery is structured to ensure that PWAs will come to the March from everywhere across the country and will include people of color and women. PWAs will form the lead contingent of the March.

David Almand, a PWA on the Executive Committee for the March and a member of NAPWA is the Project Administrator for "A Time to Shine" and will be based in D.C. He is working on coordinating logistics for the event which include arrangements for housing, transportation, a buddy system and medical care for participants.

Almand sees the project as a critical method of educating legislators. "A few key legislators know what's going on," says Almand, "but the background of many is dangerously inadequate." He recounts one incident during a visit NAPWA and the AIDS Action Council organized with four U.S. Senators. "One Senator tried to excuse himself for inaction on AIDS because he thought he had only 40 PWAs in his state. It was up to a PWA health care worker in our delegation to inform him that he had personally cared for over 80 PWAs in that state." Almand emphasizes that "all the work of high-powered lobbyists don't have the same impact as words from a PWA."

Party plans are already underway in Southern California, San Francisco, Baltimore, New York and elsewhere. A commitment from Shawnee Mission, Kansas is an indication of the broad geographic support for the project. The first "A Time to Shine" party is scheduled for Los Angeles on August 9th and features a new-age "Crystals" theme and Cheryl Ladd as its honorary host.

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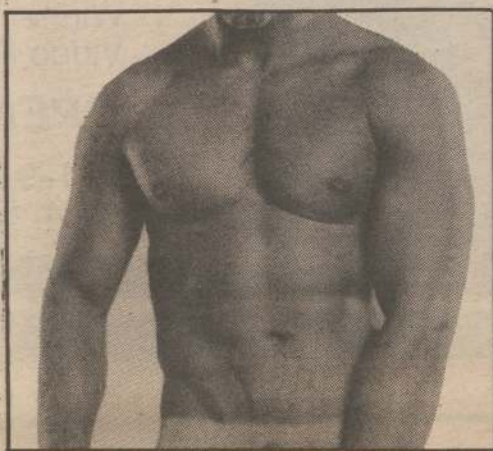
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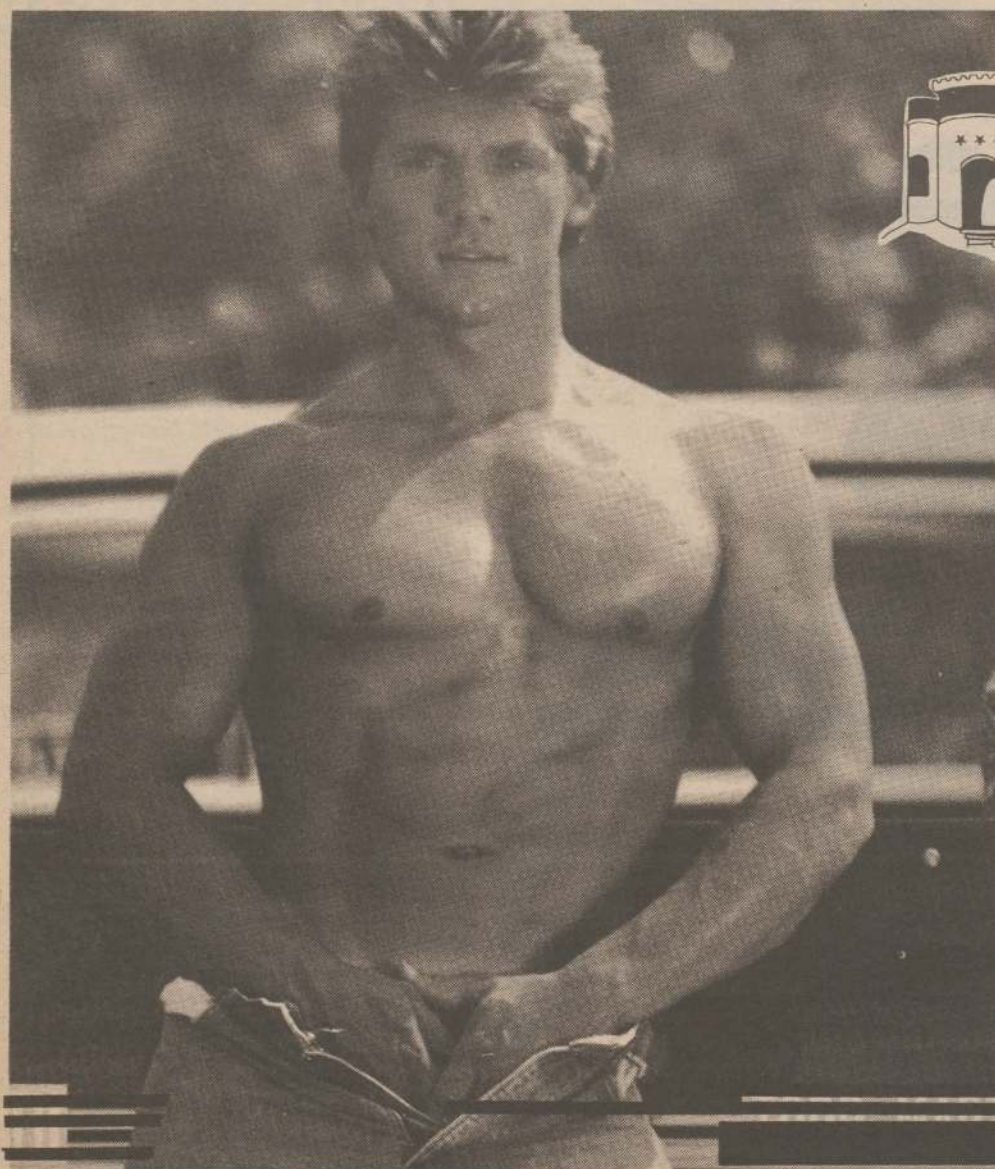


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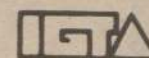
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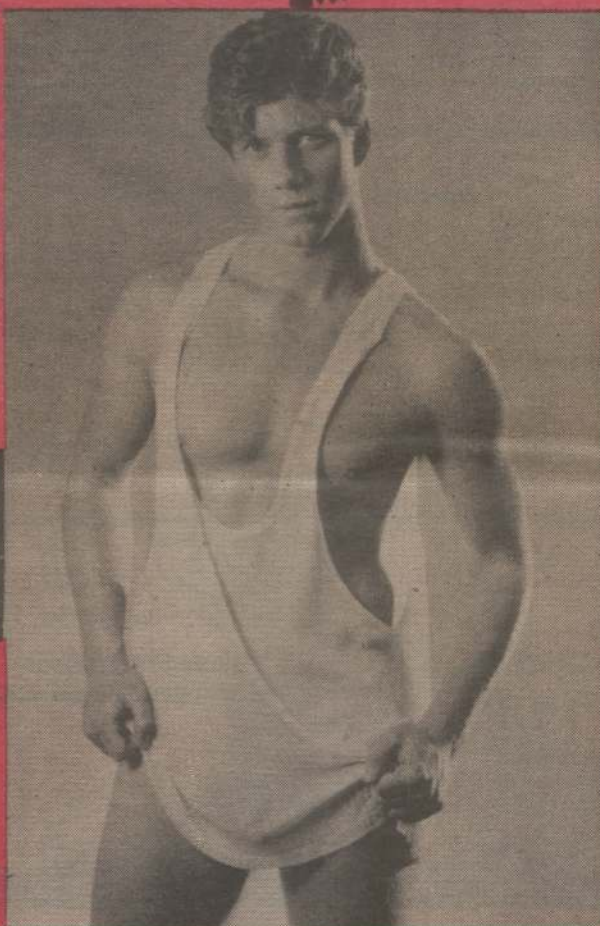
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