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# March For Harvey Milk Celebrates Gay Political Wins

## Race Dubbed "The Lavendar Sweep"

Marchers at an annual candlelight commemoration in San Francisco on November 28 said that for the first time since the slayings of the city's liberal mayor and first openly gay supervisor, they came to celebrate and not to mourn.

The theme of the 12th Annual March honoring Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk was the unparalleled political victories won this year for the city's gay rights movement.

"They are calling it 'The Lavender Sweep,' because gays were elected in each major category. If Harvey Milk were alive today, he would be proud. This may be what he died for, these kinds of victories," said Allen White, an organizer of the event.

Led by the San Francisco Lesbian-Gay Freedom Band in a brassy rendition of "San Francisco," about 1,500 marchers walked from the largely gay Castro District one mile down Market Street to the steps of City Hall.

In the chill night air, they placed about 50 candles at the foot of a statue of Abraham Lincoln.

"George Moscone and Harvey Milk would be smiling tonight wherever they are. I'm sure they are saying, 'Well done, well done,'" said the Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Methodist Church. Calling the celebrants Old Testament "oaks of righteousness," Williams was cheered by marchers who hoisted candles to light the night.

The annual pilgrimage retraces a spontaneous march by 50,000 grieving San Franciscans the evening of Nov. 27, 1978, hours after Moscone and Milk were assassinated in their City Hall offices by former Supervisor Dan White.

When Milk was elected to the board, he was the first openly gay city official in the United States. His assassination by the conservative White gave the gay rights movement what writer Randy Shilts previously called "its first contemporary martyr."

Supporters feared the death of Milk and of the liberal Moscone would derail the city's progressive political revolution.

Twelve years later, Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg were elected as the first lesbian candidates to the board, and Tom Ammiano became the first gay candidate elected to the Board of Education. Proposition K, the Domestic Partners Initiative, was approved granting recognition to homosexual couples but no specific benefits. In June, lesbian Donna Hitchens was elected to the San Francisco Superior Court.

It was on the marble rotunda steps inside City Hall that an ashen then-Supervisor Dianne Feinstein told a crowd that Moscone and Milk had been shot and killed. One man screamed, "Oh, no!" as dozens wept and one woman collapsed. The killings, nine days after the suicide-murder of more than 900 members of the San Francisco-based

Peoples Temple in Guyana, plunged the city into shock and grief.

City Hall was the site of a riot six months later by 5,000 people who burned police cars and smashed windows in protest of White's lenient sentence. White confessed but received a voluntary manslaughter verdict based on defense claims that he suffered from depression provoked by junk food, the notorious "Twinkie Defense."

White's infamous crime began in the morning when he crawled through a basement window, avoiding metal



Harvey Milk in 1975

detectors, and shot Moscone before reloading and shooting Milk, whose office was down the hall.

Moscone, under pressure from Milk and his new gay political alliance, was a half-hour away from announcing he would not reappoint White to the board seat the former police officer had resigned from 17 days earlier.

He instead planned to appoint a neighborhood activist to create the first liberal majority on the 11-member board.

White was released from Soledad Prison after five years, one month and nine days. He returned to San Francisco and committed suicide Oct. 21, 1985.

Quoting from a poem he read the night of the first march, gay activist Cleve Jones said: "Can we be like drops of water falling on the stone. They splash and break, dispersing in the air, weaker than the stone by far. But be aware, with time the rock will fall away."

## Stanford Domestic Partners Policy Challenged

### "Culture Clash" Cited

STANFORD, CA—Virginia Velez came to Stanford University seeking a safe place to live openly with her lesbian lover, but a policy expanding the rights of homosexual couples on campus leaves her feeling threatened.

Velez and others in the homosexual community fear a backlash, particularly from religious groups. The policy, which began this fall, guarantees unmarried couples the same housing, health care and campus privileges as married couples.

"I'm getting nervous about what's going on," said Velez, a graduate student in education. "What the administration has done is satisfying. But the fundamentalist groups—Islamic and Christian—are creating incredible tension, and they can erupt at any time."

Stanford's effort to build a tolerant, diverse body of international students has led to verbal clashes and occasional harassment over attitudes about race, religion and sexual orientation. The latest involves the backlash to the "domestic partners" policy.

"I think Stanford is probably one of the best places to be openly gay or lesbian or bisexual, and it's still scary," said Susan Mizner, a third-year law student and gay activist.

"I know a number of people who I would unabashedly call bigots, and even more people who would prefer not to deal with anyone they know is gay, lesbian or bisexual."

Two-thirds of the students said in an informal survey they support the new policy. Foreign students, particularly from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, are among the most vocal opponents.

Of Stanford's 12,600 graduate and undergraduate students, nearly 2,500 are foreigners. Foreigners comprise about a quarter of the 6,100 graduate-student population, which dominates the married student housing village.

University officials say they won't revoke the policy, which allows unwed couples with "long-term commitments" to rent low-cost campus apartments, and have "spouse" privileges, such as subsidized medical care and access to the libraries and gyms.

The policy applies to six couples this term. Officials expect the number to rise to 20 to 30 during the next few years.

"We have a strong belief that what we did was the right thing to do," said Norm Robinson, dean of student

affairs. "I think some of the (objections) that are based on religion also reflect quite a high degree of homophobia."

Stanford's policy is being studied by other schools. Harvard has a non-discrimination housing policy, while several other schools allow unwed couples to live together on a case-by-case basis.

The Stanford administration's staunch support brought praise from gay men and lesbians, who now want unwed couples covered by health insurance.

"It is making a big difference in our lives," says David Bradfute, a graduate student in biological sciences and member of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center.

"The university is saying, 'We'll recognize you. We value you, who you are and the kinds of relationships you get into. No state is recognizing us, the federal government is far from recognizing us, and in many ways we're a target for official discrimination. It means a lot to us in this society.'"

Opponents, however, attack the policy on religious, moral and cultural grounds.

"It devalues the sanctity of marriage, and of the family unit, both which Asians have traditionally taken very seriously," said Grace Tan, a chemistry graduate student from Singapore. "Also, this more open policy is susceptible to abuse by people seeking lower-cost university housing, with all its fringe benefits."

Abdullah Bature, president of the Stanford Islamic Society, said his group of about 100 students wants university trustees to revoke the policy.

"The Koran says sex relations are allowed only between husband and wife, not between woman and woman, man and man or unmarried man and woman," Bature said.

Jon Osborne, who lives in student housing with Steve Mims, a senior in electrical engineering, argued homosexuals pay the same tuition as heterosexuals and should have the same rights.

"For years, people said that gay people don't really have relationships, that we're promiscuous or that gay relationships don't last very long," Osborne said. "Now when we get together in long-term relationships on campus they say they don't want us next door."

## School Board Undecided on Condom Issue

EASTON, MD—Talbot County school board members are split over a proposal to dispense condoms at the county's two public high schools.

A vote on the proposal to make the jurisdiction the first outside Baltimore to dispense condoms is scheduled.

The outcome is "too close to call," said Dr. John Ryan, the county's health officer, who made the proposal.

Baltimore's Health Department began dispensing condoms and birth control pills at seven school-based clinics last month.

Only two of Talbot County's seven board members have taken positions on the proposal. President Laura Harrison, a nurse, is against it. Susan Dillon, a private school teacher, is in favor. "You either go with it's a moral issue or it's a health issue," Harrison

said.

"I think it's a moral issue. We're an educational institution. We should be teaching children that safe sex is abstinence," she said.

Dillon also favors educating children about abstinence, but said children at risk of contracting AIDS or other diseases need to be protected.

Forty-five percent of Talbot County eighth-grade students reported having had sexual intercourse, according to a 1987-1989 Johns Hopkins University survey sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Nearly 21 percent reported having sex at least once a month.

By the 10th grade, 65 percent of the students said they had sex at least once. Only 11 percent of 10th graders said they used contraceptives.



## Reporter Fired For Being Lesbian, Suit Claims

WASHINGTON, DC—A former United Press International reporter claims in a \$12.75 million lawsuit that she was fired from the news service because she is a lesbian and wrote a freelance story for a gay publication.

Julie Brienza's lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court. UPI and the Wisconsin Voice of Christian Youth, a Milwaukee-based religious group, were named as defendants.

Brienza, who was UPI's Supreme Court reporter, alleged that she was dismissed under pressure from Vic Eliason, the religious group's executive director.

In the suit, Brienza contends that Eliason began a campaign to have her fired after she interviewed him on April 10 for a freelance article she was writing about the influence of the "religious right" on broadcasting.

The suit alleges that Eliason buys news from UPI, and that he contacted UPI management to complain about Brienza writing for *The Washington Blade*, a DC-based lesbian and gay news weekly. He then urged listeners to his radio network to jam UPI's telephone lines demanding her dismissal, the suit said.

On April 27, UPI fired her, accusing her of violating freelancing rules.

"UPI terminated Brienza's employment because of her sexual orientation, and because she was writing a freelance article for a gay and lesbian newspaper," the suit contends.

UPI spokesman Milt Capps said he could not comment on the suit until he had seen it. But earlier, Capps had denied that Brienza's firing was due to

pressure from religious broadcasters and said it was based on violations of UPI work rules.

The suit seeks \$750,000 in general damages, plus \$12 million in punitive damages—\$10 million from Eliason and \$2 million from UPI—for, among other things, alleged violation of privacy, loss of income and violation of a District of Columbia law that prohibits discrimination in employment based on a person's sexual orientation. The suit contends Wisconsin's "hate crime" law also was violated.

Besides the \$12.75 million, the suit seeks return of Brienza's job, back pay, and a retraction from Eliason and his group.

The suit acknowledges that Brienza used UPI's internal message system to retrieve information on Eliason from the news agency's Milwaukee bureau and that she made two long-distance phone calls for the story from UPI's Washington office.

UPI rules, according to the suit, prohibit employees from freelancing on company time, doing outside work that could compete with UPI or writing articles that take an advocacy position.

But Brienza contends that her use of company facilities was minimal, and that other UPI employees routinely did the same for personal reasons or for outside work. She said the *Blade* is not an advocacy publication and that she had gotten permission from UPI management prior to working on the article.

She said UPI's actions were out of proportion to the offense and that the issue in her firing really was her sexual orientation.

## Task Force Urges President to Sign Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has urged President Bush to sign into law landmark legislation which removes immigration exclusions for lesbians, gay men, and people with AIDS.

Since the 1950s, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has held that individuals "afflicted with psychopathic personality or sexual deviation" are ineligible to enter the U.S. Although the American Psychological Association and other groups removed homosexuality from a list of mental disorders over fifteen years ago, the INS continues to deny visas to lesbians and gay men.

The Family Unity and Employment Opportunity Act, passed by congress on October 27, removes the McCarthy-era immigration restrictions on lesbians and gay men. The bill also

effectively erases the AIDS immigration restrictions created by Sen. Jesse Helms in the previous Congress, and empowers the Department of Health and Human Services to delete AIDS and HIV from the list of restricted diseases.

NGLTF health lobbyist Belinda Rochelle has written to President Bush applauding his efforts to ensure passage of the act in Congress and encouraging him to sign the legislation. Rochelle also submitted to the President petitions with over 1,800 names of people across the country urging him to sign the bill.

"When President Bush signs this momentous legislation," said Rochelle, "the United States will reject senseless discrimination against people with AIDS, lesbians and gay men in immigration policy."

## Gay Couple Seek Marriage License in Court Suit

WASHINGTON, DC—A homosexual couple sued the District of Columbia late last month, contending the city had discriminated against them by refusing to approve their request for a marriage license.

"We demand the right to marry, and we demand the same legal rights and protections of our relationship that are freely given to people in heterosexual relationships," said Craig R. Dean, a lawyer who filed the suit on behalf of himself and Patrick G. Gill. "We are outraged by this blatant act of discrimination."

Currently, no state or locality in America allows same-sex marriages, said William Rubenstein, director of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"There were several lawsuits of this nature that were rejected back in the early 1970s," Rubenstein said in a telephone interview from his New York office.

Frederick B. Beane, clerk of the city's superior court, denied the couple's application for a marriage license last week on grounds that "the sections of the District of Columbia Code governing marriage do not authorize marriage between persons of the same sex."

However, Dean and Gill contend that city law explicitly prohibits only polygamists and practitioners of incest from obtaining marriage licenses, and does not require a couple to be of different sexes to wed.

In addition, homosexuals are protected from discrimination under the city's human rights act.

"The clerk of the court saw fit to deny us the marriage license because we are gay," Dean said. "He saw fit to devalue and degrade our love and the very nature of our relationship."

The lawsuit asks Superior Court Judge Geoffrey M. Alprin to order Beane to grant the couple the marriage license.

Dean and Gill are also seeking \$250,000 in compensatory damages and \$1 million in punitive damages.

"With punitive damages...we want to be able to make a statement that the clerk...will not deny marriage licenses to gay people again," Dean said.

However, both men denied that their primary concern was setting a legal precedent.

"We love each other," Gill said. "We are here in an attempt to formalize our relationship."

## Liberace's Former Lover Testifies In Canyon Slayings Trial

LOS ANGELES, CA—The ex-lover of the late Liberace testified that a former nightclub owner accused of murdering four people threatened to "get even" with thieves who stole \$1 million in drugs and jewelry from his home.

Scott Alan Thorson testified late last month that he heard defendant Eddie Nash make the threats while he was visiting Nash's home to buy cocaine.

"He screamed that he'd get even and he was going to get to the bottom of what went on and who was responsible (for the theft)," Thorson said in Superior Court.

Nash and co-defendant Gregory Diles are accused of the July 1, 1981, bludgeoning deaths of four people in a home in the Laurel Canyon area of Los Angeles.

Prosecutors contend Nash ordered the killings in retaliation for the burglary.

Nash and Diles were tried on similar charges in separate trials earlier this year, but jurors failed to reach unanimous verdicts. Thorson testified against Nash and Diles in the earlier trials.

Nash, also known as Adel Nasrallah, once owned the Starwood and other nightclubs.

Thorson said that after threatening revenge, Nash ordered Diles to go to the Laurel Canyon home and retrieve his stolen property. He said that Nash also threatened the late sex-film star John Holmes.

Other witnesses have testified that Holmes—who was acquitted of the murders before his death in 1988—assisted the thieves by drawing a map of Nash's home.

"Mr. Nash threatened Mr. Holmes for setting the robbery up, telling Mr. Holmes that if he didn't take him to where his things were...he would have everybody in his family killed," Thorson said.

Thorson, a former Las Vegas dancer, said in earlier testimony that he received \$95,000 in a 1984 settlement of a palimony suit against Liberace.

Thorson claimed in the suit that the entertainer had promised him \$70,000 a year to be his live-in lover and chauffeur. Liberace died in February 1987.

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Are AIDS patients purchasing useless drugs through the mail? One such drug, known as interferon, is currently being sold in forms that have never been tested or proven effective.

Interferon is a protein derived from immune system lymphocytes—a type of white blood cell—in all animals, including human beings. For years it has been used intravenously to treat various types of viral infections, such as kaposi's sarcoma. Unfortunately, this intravenous use of interferon has been known to cause some very unpleasant side effects such as physical discomfort and nausea.

According to Dr. Jerry Mills of the Community Care Center in central Phoenix, a change in the method of treatment may be a solution to this problem.

"Recently, in the last six to eight months, there has been an increasing interest in using interferon in an oral form as an agent to change the way the body reacts to HIV infection in general." Many people who take the drug get dramatic benefits, not only in elevation of T Cell counts, but primarily in the relief of symptoms—fevers, sweats, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, thrush—all symptoms of HIV infection.

Currently six universities are conducting studies on the use of oral interferon. However, the studies are only using interferon which has been derived from human lymphocytes.

Organizations known as buyers clubs have begun selling oral interferon derived from various non-human sources. In addition, some clubs are also selling recombinant interferon—known as Interferon A—which is manufactured in the body by inserting DNA into bacteria. Interferon A is not being studied for oral use; it is only the naturally occurring human interferon which is being used in university studies.

According to Dr. Mills, clubs are selling types of interferon which may be of no benefit to AIDS patients. "We started doing some preliminary investigation and found it real difficult to come up with good information—accurate, reliable information—about where these different places were getting the interferon. The only form that's

been proved beneficial for HIV infection is interferon derived from human lymphocytes. That's human white blood cells. Some of the places that we have contacted are deriving the interferon from cows, hamsters, and God only knows where else."

One buyers club spokesperson Mills contacted joked that the interferon his company sold was derived from "hamster snot."

"There are a lot of leukocytes in mucus drainage and nasal discharge from any animal, humans included," Mills

explains. But the only kind that has been studied is interferon that's derived from human lymphocytes."

When the Community Care Center staff tried to locate human-derived oral interferon for its patients, they contacted five buyers clubs for information.

to be frustrating because there are a lot of buyers clubs out there."

Many of the clubs didn't write back at all. "Those that did were not real willing to talk to us about what their product was or what they were doing. We'd ask them to send us information

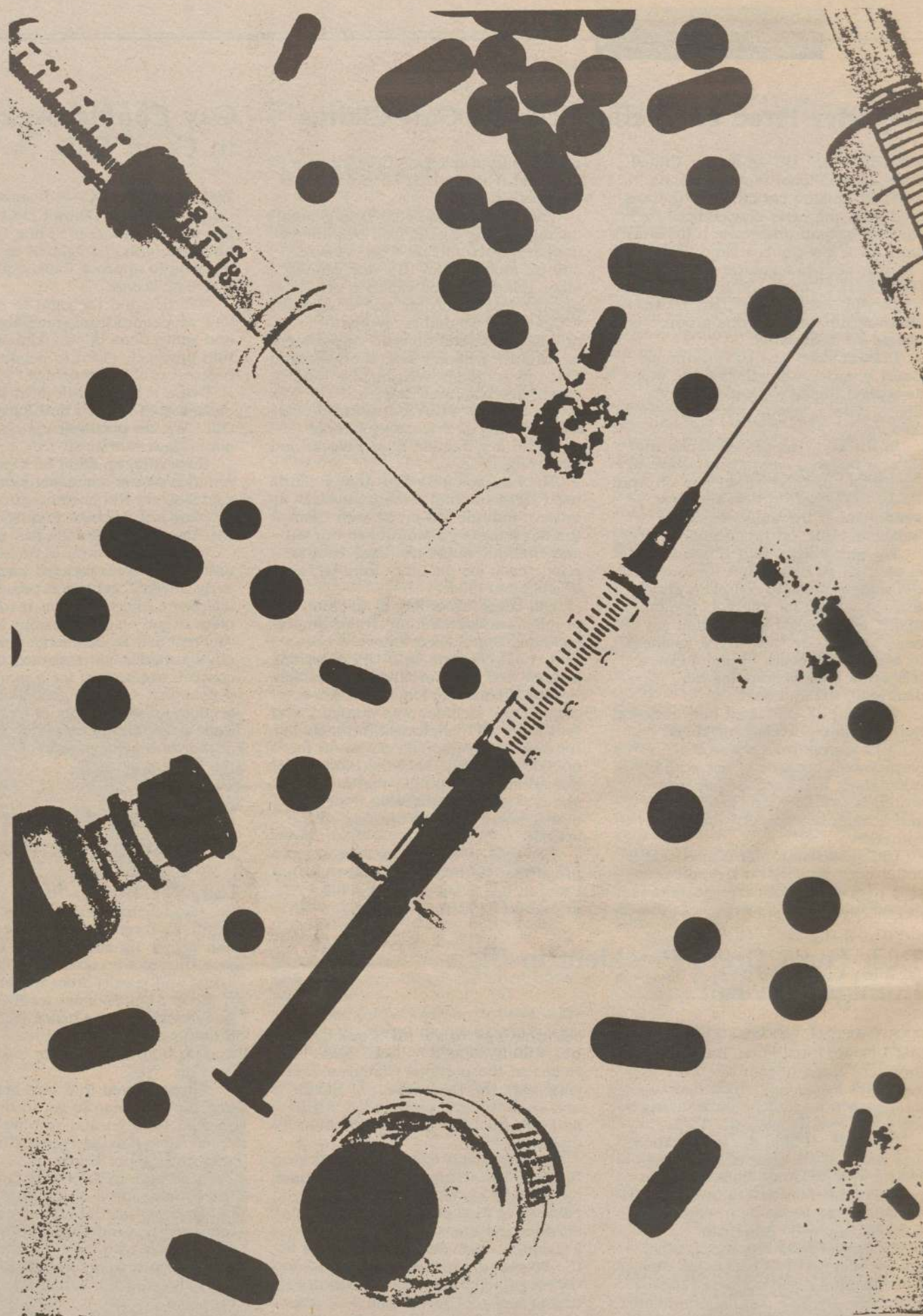
## are people with aids purchasing useless drugs through the mail?

According to Matt Cuthbertson, a counselor at the center, just getting in touch with these clubs was a problem in itself.

"They didn't have phone numbers. They just had post office boxes to write letters to. We would write and not get information back. We found that

and they would send a one-page outline saying 'Interferon is now available through the buyers club.' Well, that's fine, but *which* interferon?"

Dr. Mills adds that some clubs would provide contradictory information on different occasions. "We've had the





same club tell us one day that its interferon comes from cows; the next day they tell us it comes from hamsters. Some people are even concerned that what they're getting may not be interferon from *any* source."

What is a buyers club? According to Dr. Mills, they are "groups of people whose primary goal is buying drugs that are not available in this country because they have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration or because there's no interest in this country for anyone to make them available."

"What most of these clubs are doing, they're making available drugs that are readily available in other countries. My understanding is that many of those things are against the law, but the FDA, in my estimation, has chosen to not enforce that law."

Mills points out that the illegal aspect of this situation is the selling of foreign drugs, not the importation. "It is not against the law for me or any citizen of the United States to go to another country to obtain a drug, as long as it's legal in that country, and bring it back into this country. It's not illegal to do that as long as I'm bringing it back in this country to use it for my own personal use."

Cuthbertson feels that the FDA must be aware of the problem with buyers clubs. "It's probably on their list, but their list is mighty long. As far as who monitors the clubs, I haven't got a clue. They really seem to fall through the cracks and it almost borders on kind of homeopathic, that there isn't a governing body to watch or monitor them. I'm not sure there needs to be; I just know that when we started exploring about oral interferon, we uncovered a nightmare."

Could the FDA stop the sale of oral interferon which is not human derived? Mills says that the general use of a drug is under FDA control, but the type of use is not.

"The FDA doesn't have anything to do with how the drug is used. The FDA has looked at studies and has certified that interferon is an acceptable treatment for kaposi sarcoma, for hepatitis B, for venereal warts, in an intravenous form, and most doctors use it in intravenous form for those indications. But there is nothing in the laws of this country or this state that restricts that drug to usage according to the FDA approval, and that's true of all drugs."

In other words, the drug is legal; therefore, any method of its use is legal, even though the oral method has not been tested for all types of interferon.

Mills sees some merit in the work of these clubs, but he is concerned about the vulnerability of AIDS patients. "I think the idea of making those drugs available is an honorable thing, but I'm concerned that this is

# mail order drug club?

one more way to take advantage of people who are HIV-infected, many of whom are desperate to try anything that they can find that will have an effect on the progress of the viral infection.

I think there are some buyers clubs that have seen that as an opportunity to make a lot of money, and I think they've done that to the detriment of people who are HIV-infected. I don't want to come down on the whole concept of buyers clubs, because they're making available drugs that the FDA, through its red tape, is making very difficult to obtain. The FDA has been very restrictive regarding the availability of drugs."

What do buyers clubs have to say about all this? When contacted by an anonymous reporter, one club representative boasted that the oral interferon his club sells has "been working ever since we've been using it—for six months. We're having incredible results all around the country."

When questioned about the use of oral interferon, the same club rep responded that "What it does is rebuild the immune system totally." But when asked about the content of interferon, the representative replied, "God, don't ask me. I couldn't tell you that. I just know it's a protein

base." He added that his club acquired its interferon in Japan before the FDA stopped the flow of the drug from that country.

"But we have enough to supply quite a few people for quite a few years, thankfully." ▼

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year, Dr. Jerry Mills and counselor Matt Cuthbertson began to explore the possibility of providing oral interferon to patients who didn't want to purchase it through buyers clubs. "We became interested in trying to provide interferon for patients of ours who wanted to use oral interferon," Mills says, "But were a little bit concerned about where they were getting it from. One of my main objectives has been to provide (the drug) from a source that we've become comfortable with."

Mills, a board-certified family physician, opened the Community Care Center in central Phoenix last April. The practice stresses both the mental and physical aspects of health, with an emphasis on nutrition and a special focus on AIDS and HIV infection.

"We get patients all the time who have been going to a physician for a long time and they're diagnosed as HIV positive and they're told to find themselves

another doctor, frequently because the doctor says he's not able to take care of them—he doesn't know enough about the problem. They need to go to someone who specializes in that, so that was really what brought us to start the practice."

Unfortunately, Mills encountered the same difficulties in obtaining the recombinant drugs that his patients sought to avoid.

"We've had a hard time trying to get dependable sources of interferon that we could track down," he explains. "We've tried to obtain the human lymphocyte-derived interferon directly from the producer in this country and we were told that it won't be available until sometime in the first part of 1991. They don't have enough at this point to make it generally available."

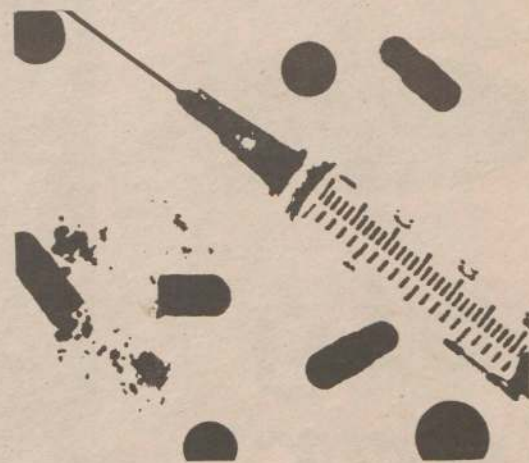
Once the human interferon is available, the center hopes to provide it to patients as part of a Phase II study in connection with the Mt. Sinai Hospital Medical Center. Mt. Sinai is one of six university facilities conducting a Phase I study of oral interferon.

Cuthbertson describes Phase I as a "safety study," while Phase II will involve a broader spectrum of patients. If Community Care Center is able to conduct the Phase II study, the patients involved will be required to meet certain criteria, but the center will be able to use the drug outside of the study as well.

"There are some restrictions," Mills says. We will not give the drug to a woman who is pregnant. We will not give it to someone who is under 18, or to anyone whose liver function studies are really off the chart."

But until the drug is available, Community Care Center cannot proceed with its study at all. Patients are being registered all the same.

"We'll just have to sit it out," Mills says. "Meanwhile, our purpose remains: to make interferon available to whoever wants to take it."





# big screen

*Hamlet:* Wouldja believe Mel Gibson as the Bard's Prince of Denmark, directed by Franco Zeffirelli? Coming soon: Roseanne Barr as Parsifal. Opens December 14.

*Mermaids:* Cher and Wynona Ryder square off as mom and wanna-be-nun daughter. Opens December 14.

*Kindergarten Cop:* Arnold Schwarzenegger as a cop who goes undercover as a teach. This one ought to attract the same audience that's flocking to *Home Alone* and *Three Men and a Little Lady*. Opens December 21.



*The Rookie:* Directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, co-starring Charlie Sheen. A cop movie. Enough said?

*Dances With Wolves:* An epic set in the 1860s, as white settlers begin their westward journey into the land of Native Americans. Still the most-talked-about film currently onscreen, directed, co-produced and starring Kevin Costner.

*Mars Gallery:* The fifth annual "Blu-Lite Special" showing and sale of over one hundred local artists using all mediums will make available great original art at prices just in time for holiday gift-giving. Reception 7 to 10pm Friday, December 7. 11:30am to 4:30pm Tuesday through Friday and by appointment. 130 N. Central. 253-3541

*Gallery X* presents a two-person exhibit of new works by Ann Preston and Douglas May through December 14. Gallery hours are noon to 5pm, during scheduled events and by appointment. 800 W. Madison. 420-9390.

*With Hammer and Chisel:* The Berlin Wall continues through Jan. 13. The timely multi-media installation incorporates large-scale photo/text collages by ASU School of Art faculty member Tamarra Kaida and Pulitzer Prize-winner poet Rita Dove, with videotapes by German novelist/artist Fred Viebahn.

*Alwun House: A Twenty Year Reflection:* Dec. 1-30, with opening reception and awards, December 7, 8pm; Tues.-Fri. 12-6pm. \$2 donation non-members. 253-7887. See related story, page 10.

*Metropolis:* Through Dec. 15, paintings of runners passing through the Southwestern landscape by Bill Austin and portraits inspired by Patrick Nagel and Dennis Mukai by John Sharp. The Salon Gallery, 5220 N. 7th ST. 277-8089

*Eighth Annual Exotic Art Show:* February 8 through March 2, 1991. Deadline for slides of work: December 21, 1990. For prospectus write: Exotic '91, Alwun House, 1204 E. Roosevelt, Phoenix 85006.

*Erté on Display:* A special showing of rare graphic works from the archives and art-to-wear by the immortal Erté. Circle Gallery, 7051 Fifth Ave. at Marshall Way in Scottsdale. 947-9302

# culture club

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*The Nutcracker*, presented by Ballet Arizona at Gammage Auditorium, 2pm and 7pm Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9. Special Holiday performances will take place at Phoenix Symphony Hall December 19-23, 26-30 at 7pm and December 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 2pm. Original choreography by Jean Paul Comelin with the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Sedares. Tickets are \$24, \$19, and \$14, on sale at Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-3434

*Dance-a-rama:* Winner of *New Times*' "Best Dance Club 1990" award continues as the most unique alternative to the Valley's dance scene. On December 7 at 8pm, groove to post-industrial new beat dance music, underground videos and visual arts too. \$4 at the door. Must be 18.

Note: Keep the downtown beat going on alternating Fridays at Gallery X/Club ID, 800 W. Madison.

# toe shoes

# art smart



# culture buzz

*Bonnie Raitt and Friends* featuring Kris Kristofferson and Bruce Cockburn will present a special acoustic benefit concert for "Don't Waste Arizona." Friday, December 14, 7pm at Mesa Amphitheater. General admission tickets are available at the Mesa Community Center Box Office and Dillard's outlets. To charge by phone call 644-2560.

*The Whispers and After Seven:* Thursday, December 20, 7:30pm at Celebrity Theatre. 244-0404.

*Vanilla Ice:* Friday, December 28, 7:30pm at Celebrity Theatre. Tickets on sale at the box office, Tower Records, Smith's or by calling 244-0404.

*Morton Leon Subotnick:* Three works by the award-winning composer will be performed by the Arizona State University New Music Ensemble during a free concert at 7:30pm December 11 in the Music Theatre. Subotnick is an innovator in works involving instruments and other media, including interactive computer music systems. He was the first composer to be commissioned to write electronic works expressly for the phonograph medium (by Nonesuch Records): "Silver Apples of the Moon," "A Sky of Cloudless Sulphur" and "The Key to Songs." These compositions have been choreographed by leading dance companies throughout the world.

*Holiday Sights and Sounds* will fill Gammage Auditorium at 3pm Sunday, December 16, as the Phoenix Symphony is joined by Masterworks Chorale and Memorial Bells on Mountain View for a concert of the season directed by Mark Russell Smith. Tickets are \$35, \$25, \$17.50, \$12 and \$8, on sale at the Phoenix Symphony box office, 3707 N. 7th St. 264-6363

*The Cowboy Legends* present "A Western Christmas Music Special" at Kerr Cultural Center, 3pm Sunday, December 16. Tickets are \$6.50, on sale at Kerr, 6110 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, and the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-5377

*Manheim Steamroller* will perform 15th and 16th Century music of the holiday season mixed with today's rhythms at the Sundome, December 22, 8pm. Tickets are \$25, \$22, and \$19 on sale at the Sundome, Gammage and Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 975-1900.

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*The Joan Rivers Show*

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*The Immigrant:* A warm drama following a Russian Jewish outlander's life in the Texas frontier, presented by Actor's Theatre of Phoenix at the Herberger. Through Dec. 16. Tickets \$15-\$18. 252-TIXS.

*Skimpies:* The world premiere engagement of playwright Terry Earp's new production is fast winding down. Lingerie, rap music, sex, and Lucy La Mode all combine to make this a must-see production. Featuring gowns by Robert X. Planet. Playwright's Workshop Theatre, 21432 N. Central; Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and 2pm Sundays through Dec. 15.

*Nunsense:* Closes this month! Wednesday through Friday 8pm; 6pm and 9pm Saturdays; 2pm Sundays through December 30. Tickets are \$15 for Wed., Thurs. and Sun. shows; \$17 Fri. and Sat. Actors Lab, 7223 E. 2nd St. 990-1731

*Amahl and the Night Visitors/The Snow Queen:* Will be performed by the Center Dance Ensemble and guests Thursday through Sunday at 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 2pm December 13-23 at the Herberger Theater Center. Ticket information: 252-TIXS.

*El Grande de Coca Cola:* This Spanish-language musical comedy by Mill Avenue Theatre will play thorough December 30. Showtimes 8pm Thursday through Saturday and 7pm Sunday. Tickets \$12 Thursdays and Sundays, \$14 Fridays and Saturdays.

*Psycho Beach Party:* Final Days! Theater One's giddy send-up of beach party movies, teen romance and sweaty sex continues through December 8. Don't miss Christopher Wynn's performance as the demented Joan Crawfordesque villainess. Hurry! Upstairs at Phoenix Little Theater, 25 E. Coronado. Fri. and Sat., 8:30pm. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. 254-2151.

*Cinderella:* Lyric Opera Theatre's production will be performed at 7:30pm Fri. Dec. 7; 3 and 7:30pm Sat. and Sun. Dec. 8 and 9. Music Theatre at ASU. Tickets \$10 (\$5 students), on sale at the Fine Arts, Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-6447

*Otello* will be performed by the Arizona Opera Company at Phoenix Symphony Hall on January 17 and 19, 1991 at 7:30pm and on January 20, 1991 at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now by calling the Civic Plaza box office at 262-7272 or Dillard's box office at 829-5555. *Otello* will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Arizona Opera's production will feature heldentenor John Frederic West in the title role along with Metropolitan Opera star and Tucson native Richard Clark as Iago.

*A Renaissance Feast:* Enjoy traditional Christmas music and Olde English ballads with Musica Dolce at ASU's Kerr Cultural Center in Scottsdale, at the same time savoring a tasty feast of roast beef, English trifle, and turkey drumsticks. Dinner is served at 6:30pm Friday and Saturday, December 7, 8, 14 and 15; shows begin at 8pm. Tickets are \$28.50 for dinner and the show, \$10.50 show only, on sale at Kerr, 6110 N. Scottsdale Rd. and the Gammage, Activity Center and Dillard's box offices. 965-5377

# fa la la...

*Charlie's 21 Days of Christmas:* Through Christmas Day, this annual fete combines your fave gay bar activities with a couple of holiday twists. 727 W. Camelback. 265-0224

*'Tis the Season:* The twelve-member Healing Waters Ministries Choir will perform Don Wyrzten and Dennis and Nan Allen's Christmas cantata Sat., December 15 at 8pm. No charge for admission. 5555 E. Van Buren. 224-1577



Shoot the curl, man: The cast of *Psycho Beach Party* hit the waves for final performances at Phoenix Little Theatre







Kim Moody is convinced that there are more hip people in Phoenix today than ever before. And he thinks he knows where they came from.

"The tail end of the baby boom is more education-oriented, and people are exposing themselves to more and different ideas than have previous generations," Moody says. "They want more than what is being offered them, and they're discovering that alternative at places like this."

This is how Moody justifies the continued success of Alwun House, an alternative artspace at Twelfth Street and Roosevelt, on the eve of its twentieth anniversary. Moody, who co-founded Alwun in 1970 and

#### ALWUN HOUSE solarized photograph by L.E. Vanderbeek

who acts as its director, is convinced that his enterprise thrives because Baby Boomers have arrived at adulthood demanding variant entertainments.

"I'm seeing a new group of people, a new form of art by a new kind of artist. These people exemplify a generation of people who know what they want, and they're not getting it from MTV."

Alwun hasn't spent its twenty years grooming for the arrival of a generation, however. For over two decades, the former 1912 House has hosted weekly coffeehouses, poetry readings, and live bands. Dance-a-rama, a progressive dance music club, has proven so successful it's being relocated to accommodate capacity crowds.

Its constantly changing gallery of work by local artisans has proven Alwun's mainstay, however. This is just swell with Moody, whose original late Sixties vision of an art cooperative led to this locale.

Moody followed his Summer of Love with a tour of the Southwest, looking for creative people to help him create a space where "artists could work together, utilizing different mediums."

Phoenix proved a perfect site for struggling artists in the early 1970s, away from the stifling hierarchy in New York, Los Angeles and other art capitals.

"Novices are locked out of places like that, where one has to be established before one's work is supported," Moody insists. At Alwun, artists are provided with new opportunity and a chance to refine their talents.

Kerry Vesper, president of Arizona Designer Craftsmen, agrees. "In the process of establishing myself as an artist during the eighties, Alwun House provided an opportunity for me to exhibit my sculpture."



Nowadays, Moody and Alwun co-founder Laurance Vanderbeek are often referred to in art circles as "urban pioneers" for their contribution to avant artspace in Phoenix.

Moody hesitates to accept any credit in the revitalization of the downtown scene here.

#### THE FACE WITHIN bronze mask by Jeff Ritter

Yet he and Alwun House have contributed to the resuscitation of downtown Phoenix, only lately rising from veritable ash to offer the redevelopment of the city's business district.

"Only a few years ago, people wouldn't come downtown to see an art exhibit. They were *afraid* of downtown; this was where people *worked* and *fringies* lived."

Now, Moody is witnessing an influx of people moving into the Central corridor as well as small, "storybook" neighborhoods like his own, where urban renewal and renovations are making this part of town a cultural hotspot.

"We chose this spot wisely," Moody smiles. "We chose property in a financially accessible neighborhood where artists—who often work on tight budgets—could afford to live."

#### LOOK OF A FALLEN ANGEL

Alwun House "exemplifies persistence," Moody says, because the artists, volunteers and funding have remained as patrons of atypical entertainment continue to discover it.

Alwun caters to a mixed audience of fringe element,



art aficionados, and what Moody calls "the liberal masses." The artspace has nurtured a large gay following, he says, because "everything here is acceptable. Diversity is not only sanctioned, but encouraged."

Indeed. A few days before Alwun's twentieth anniversary celebration, a wedding reception takes over its grounds. The requisite tiered cake and fruit punch fountain stand alongside Alwun's fixed art: a naked serpent woman; a found-art cow turd sculpture. It's Andy Warhol's take on Pat Nixon's nuptials.

"Aren't they sweet," an Alwun regular notes. "The nice newlyweds rubbing elbows with the downtown hippy artists."

Kim Moody smiles. "How *bohemian*."

*Alwun House is located at 1204 E. Roosevelt in downtown Phoenix. The artspace will celebrate twenty years of service on Friday, December 7, 8pm with "Alwun House: A Twenty Year Reflection."*

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# Art World Mourns

## AIDS Day Acknowledged by Artisans

Art lovers from coast to coast faced a darkened creative landscape on Saturday, December 1, as national galleries closed and museum exhibits carried black shrouds to mourn AIDS' devastating effect on the arts world.

At least 3,000 arts organizations in the United States—including New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Washington's Smithsonian Institution—took part in the second annual Day Without Art.

The skylines in Manhattan and San Francisco were dim for 15 minutes that night when decorative flood-lighting at the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge and other major structures were turned off. Marquee lights along Broadway's Great White Way were extinguished for one minute.

Cable television networks in the United States and broadcasters in England, Canada and Australia interrupted programming with a 60-second announcement on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, including a blank screen and the sound of a ticking clock.

"The Museum of Modern Art and other cultural institutions want to use their power and prestige to try and remind people of something they are not hearing often enough—that AIDS is a disease that we believe science can find a way to cure and halt and that people struggling with the disease need more care than they are getting," said Philip Yenawine, director of the museum's education department and a member of Visual AIDS, the group coordinating Day Without Art.

The event began Friday night at the museum with a concert by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art presented A Week Without Art, which ended December 1. Some great works—including a self-portrait of Rembrandt; Renoir's "Two Girls at the Piano"; a Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington and Matisse's "Nasturtiums and Dance"—were

removed. Some sculptures in the Asian art department were covered.

"More than merely a symbolic gesture, withdrawing a cherished work of art from visibility and thus nullifying totally its public accessibility, brings home in the strongest possible terms the magnitude of the loss of life and the tragedy of unrealized promise," said Philippe de Montebello, the museum's director.

Many galleries nationwide closed for the day, symbolizing what life would be like without art.

In Washington, the Corcoran Gallery of Art darkened three of its contemporary art galleries and donated admission fees to AIDS charities.

In the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery, a list of people in the arts profession who have died of AIDS was prepared for display under a sign reading "A Sense of Loss."

In Los Angeles, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu handed out fliers to visitors listing the names of members of the arts community who have died of AIDS. The museum also gave profits from sale of the book *The Indomitable Spirit: Photographers and Artists Respond to the Time of AIDS* to the American Foundation for AIDS Research. The Detroit Institute of Art scheduled an exhibit in its lobby honoring Alabama-born artist Scott Burton, who died of AIDS in 1989. In Atlanta, the High Museum of Art exhibited glass panels depicting the AIDS virus and mirrors in which museum-goers see it reflected on them.

At the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, pop artist Claes Oldenburg's statue "Split Button" was shrouded in black. Twelve panels of the AIDS memorial quilt were displayed at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

At the Art Institute of Chicago, Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks," the famous painting of people at a diner, was removed for the weekend.

## Teens Misunderstand AIDS Threat, Researcher Says

COLUMBUS, OH—A sociologist says misinformation about AIDS may be one reason why growing numbers of teenagers are having sexual relations without protecting themselves.

Preliminary data appears to confirm that high school and college students are becoming more sexually active and that many of them aren't using protection, said Robert Fulton, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Death Education and Research.

Fulton, who has been studying the attitudes and behavior of college freshmen, said the misinformation could be linked to denial.

"People don't want to hear bad news. What is the impact (of studies) on a population of people in the throes of their own hormones? Part of the young person's dilemma is the message that they can die at age 20 or 22, or that their babies can die. It's a message they've never heard before," Fulton said.

Fulton said the growth in the number of cases of aids "reconfirms

our propensity and desire to deny death. It also reflects how difficult sex is to deal with in our society. To associate a lethal disease with premarital sex makes the disease... something almost unthinkable."

One of the riskiest behaviors, Fulton said, is what he calls "networking," in which students sleep with more than one partner and that partner sleeps with more than one partner.

"For some, the more active they were, the less likely they were to take precautions. The implications for the spread of this disease are tremendous."

A study by the National Survey of Family Growth found that from 1982 to 1988, the percentage of females ages 15 through 19 who were sexually active increased from 47 percent to 53 percent. The study, published this month, looked at reproductive behavior among 8,450 women ages 15 through 44 in 1982 and 1988.

## AIDS Threat to Women Growing, Study Shows

ATLANTA, GA—AIDS in the United States is rising faster among women than men, scientists say.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control projected that by next year AIDS would be the nation's fifth leading cause of death among American women of childbearing age. It is now sixth or seventh, according to the CDC.

Separately, the World Health Organization predicted a dramatic increase in the infection rate among women worldwide by the end of the century.

"I think these findings are a cause for alarm for almost everyone," said Dr. Constance Wofsy, a professor of clinical medicine and an AIDS specialist at the University of California at San Francisco.

The study also reports that AIDS still occurs mostly among homosexual men and intravenous drug users. Women are most likely to become infected through sex with men who carry the virus.

Such women rarely suspect they are at risk and often fail to take precautions, Wofsy said. Symptoms that would alert doctors to test for AIDS in men do not set off the same "red light" in women, Wofsy said.

"Physicians are going to have to become detectives," she said.

The Atlanta-based CDC said in its weekly report that by the end of the year, AIDS cases among U.S. women

would exceed 15,000, about 11 percent of all reported cases. More than 9,000 of those women will be dead by then, it said.

In the last year, the AIDS rate rose 29 percent among women and 18 percent among men, the federal health agency said.

Currently, cancer is the No. 1 killer of women between 15 and 44, followed by accidental deaths, heart disease, homicide and suicide, the CDC said.

Seventy-two percent of the American women stricken with AIDS are black or Hispanic, although those groups account for only 19 percent of the total U.S. female population, the CDC said.

From November 1989 through this October, 4.3 AIDS cases and about 2.7 deaths were reported per 100,000 women in the United States.

The WHO report said the share of global infection by the AIDS virus via sex between men and women would rise from 60 percent now to between 75 percent and 80 percent by 2000.

The international health organization forecast that by the end of the decade the number of carriers of the AIDS virus would rise to between 25 million and 30 million worldwide, including 10 million babies infected by their mothers.

It said that of the 9 million to 11 million people now carrying the AIDS virus, about one-third are women.

## University to Test New AIDS Vaccine

ROCHESTER, NY—A Rochester school of medicine will be one of five institutions to test a possible AIDS vaccine that has protected a chimpanzee from the deadly infection for nearly three years.

The vaccine, called Immuno-Ag, will be tested on healthy volunteers over a 30-month period at the University of Rochester's Infectious Diseases Unit.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases received approval last week from the Food and Drug Administration to begin tests of Immuno-Ag on people. It is the sixth AIDS vaccine for human testing sanctioned by the FDA. Two other potential AIDS vaccines are already being studied at the Rochester center.

Immuno-Ag is made from the surface protein of the AIDS virus. Medical officials said the vaccine is unique because its three-dimensional shape matches that of the AIDS protein.

"In many cases, retaining the native shape of the virus molecule is crucial to the vaccine's ability to stimulate a strong immune response," Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the national institute, said in a statement. Doctors will study vaccinated volunteers to see if the vaccine causes

the immune system to produce antibodies and cells that fight aids.

"In no way, however, do we expose the patient to the AIDS virus," said Robert Loeb, a spokesman for the Rochester medical center.

Volunteers will first be given a low dose of the vaccine. If no serious toxicities are found, they will be given a higher dose.

Scientists working on the project are from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Cancer Institute and the Immuno-Ag company, a European research firm.

In earlier studies, the vaccine has protected a chimpanzee from infection by the AIDS virus for nearly three years, the longest known period of protection of any AIDS vaccine studied in animals.

"The goal of the trial is to see if the same degree of immunity achieved in chimpanzees immunized...can be achieved in humans," Immuno-Ag officials said in a statement. "In addition, the study seeks to determine if further immunization procedures could elevate the degree of immunity in humans."

## HIV Positive Male Prostitute Pleads Innocent to Felony

LOS ANGELES, CA—A convicted male prostitute pleaded innocent to selling sex while aware that he carried the deadly AIDS virus.

Demitri Santangelo entered the plea and was ordered back to court for a pretrial hearing on Jan. 8. He was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

The Santangelo case was the first in Los Angeles County to use a 1988 law as a basis for prosecution. If convicted, he could be sentenced to three years in prison.

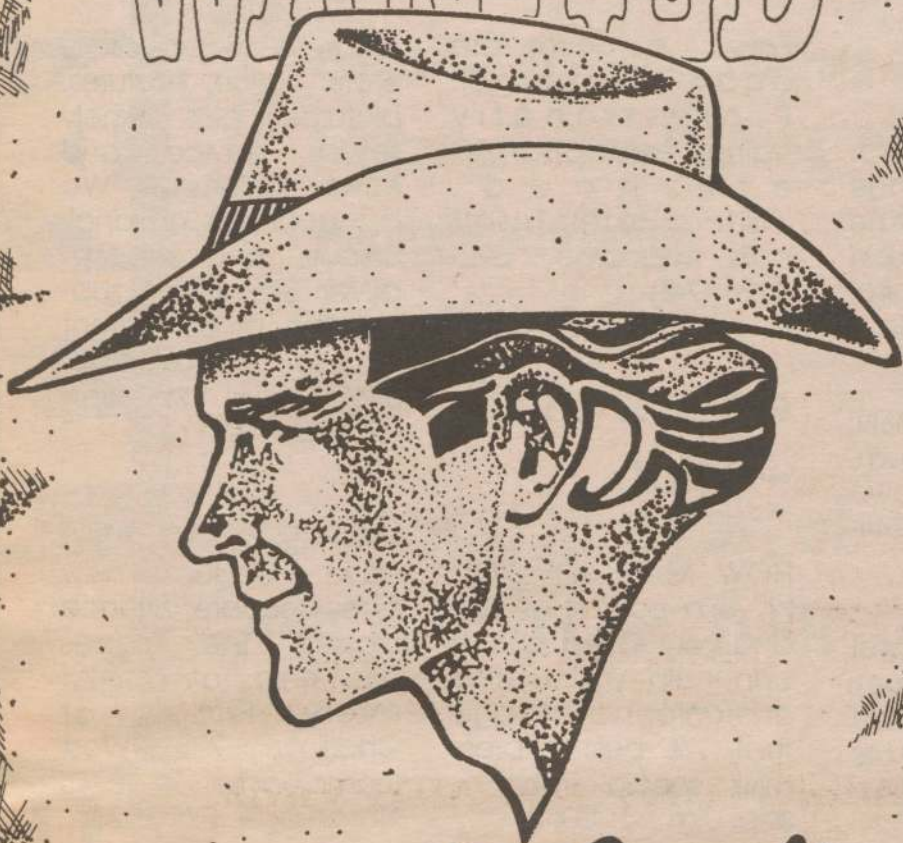
Santangelo was convicted May 24 of prostitution, underwent a court ordered HIV test and was notified of the positive results.

But he said he was never advised by the judge in that misdemeanor case that he could face felony charges if a subsequent incident occurred.

On Sept. 27, Santangelo was arrested for investigation of prostitution after he allegedly solicited an undercover officer for sex in Hollywood.



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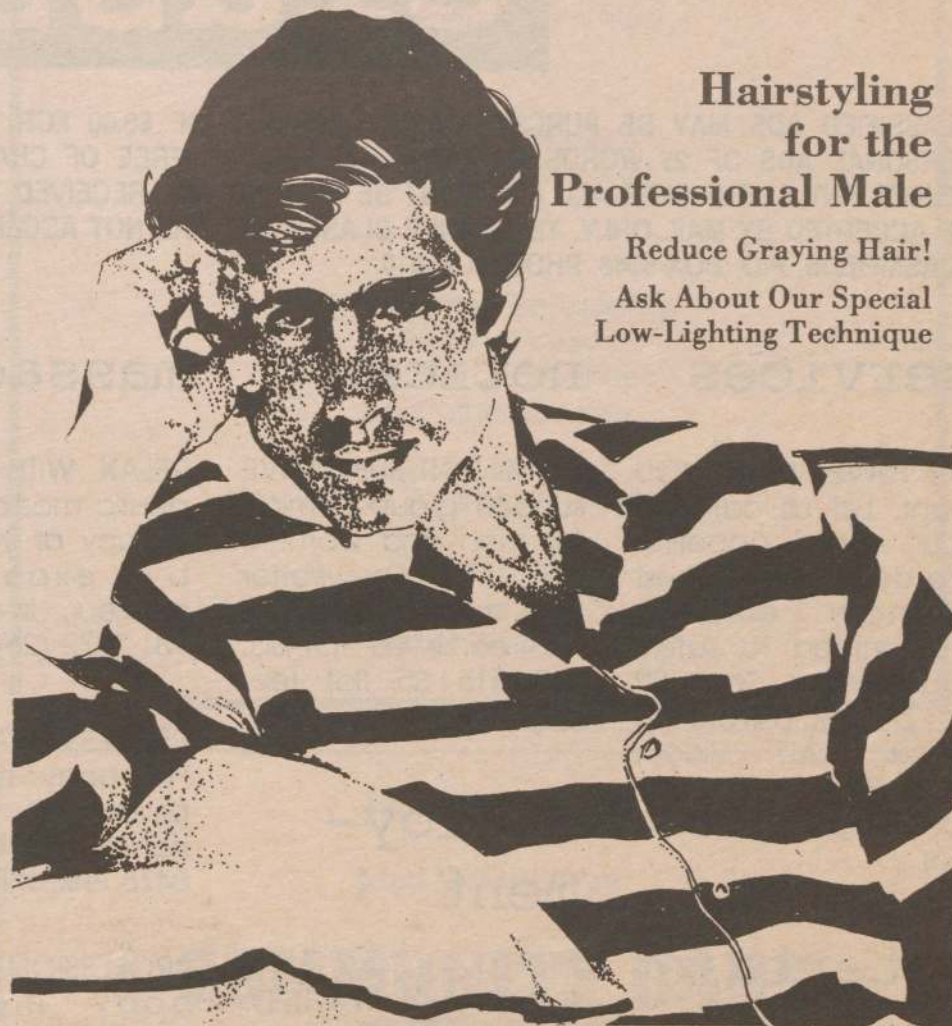
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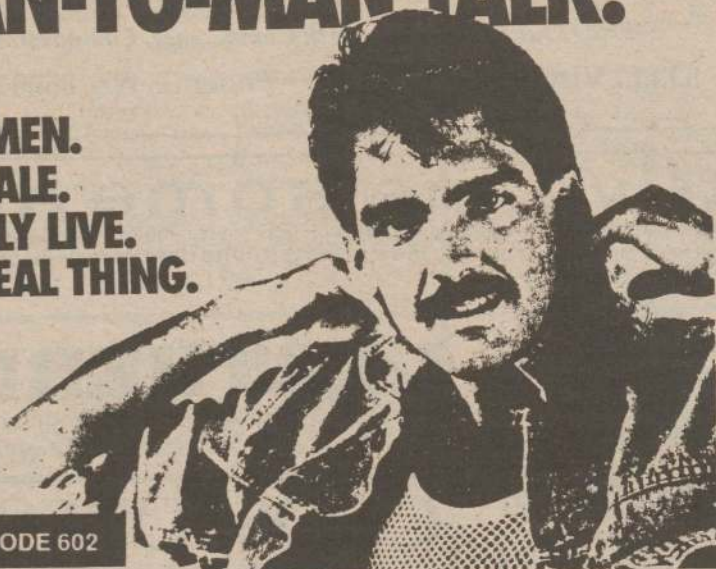
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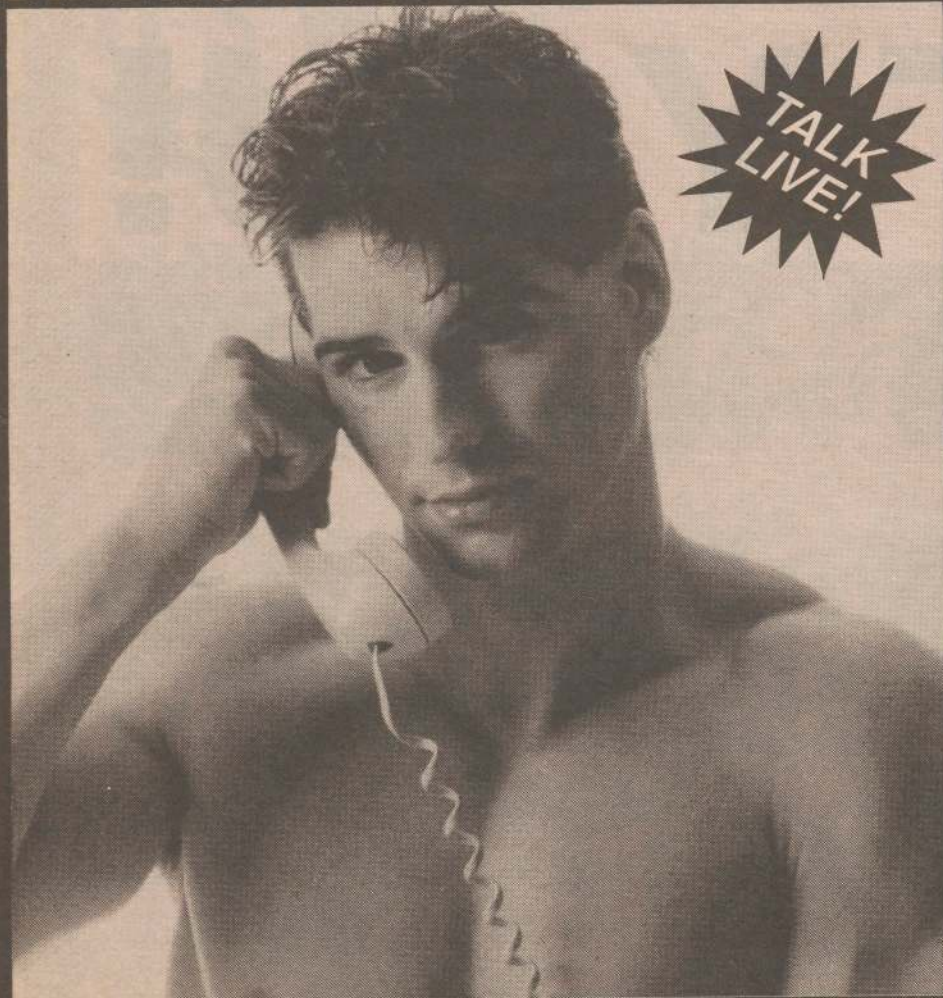


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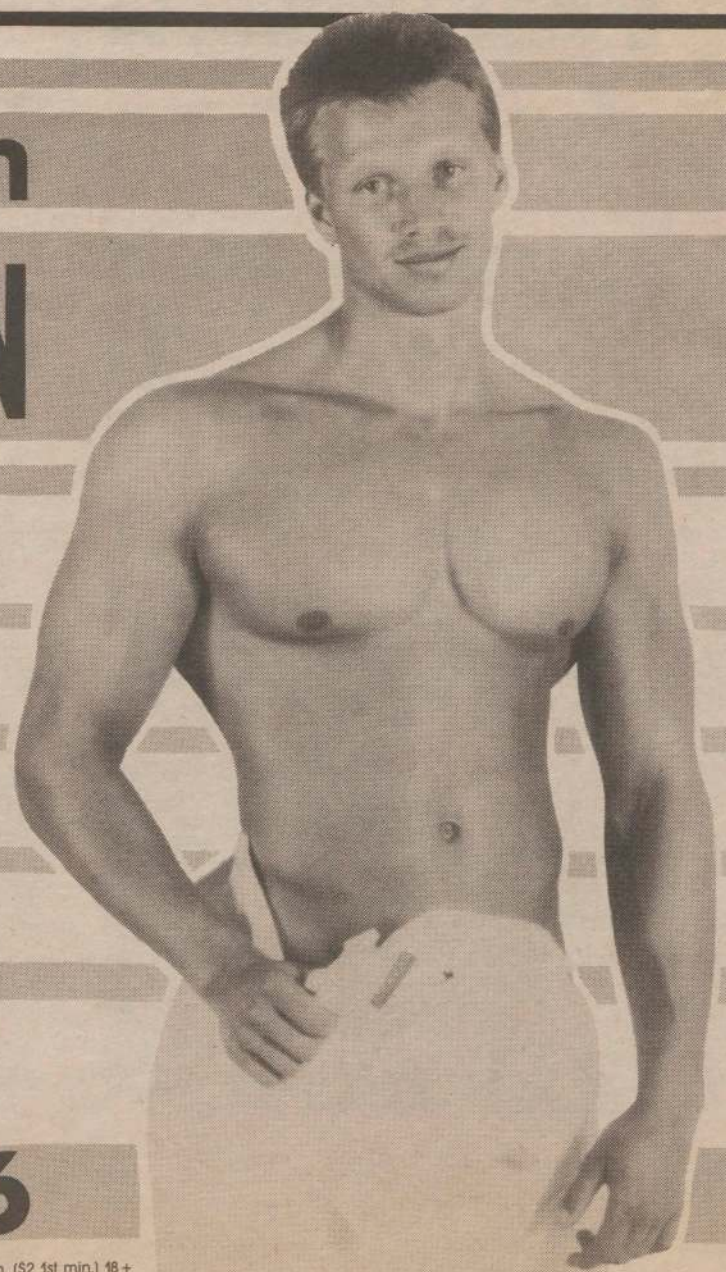
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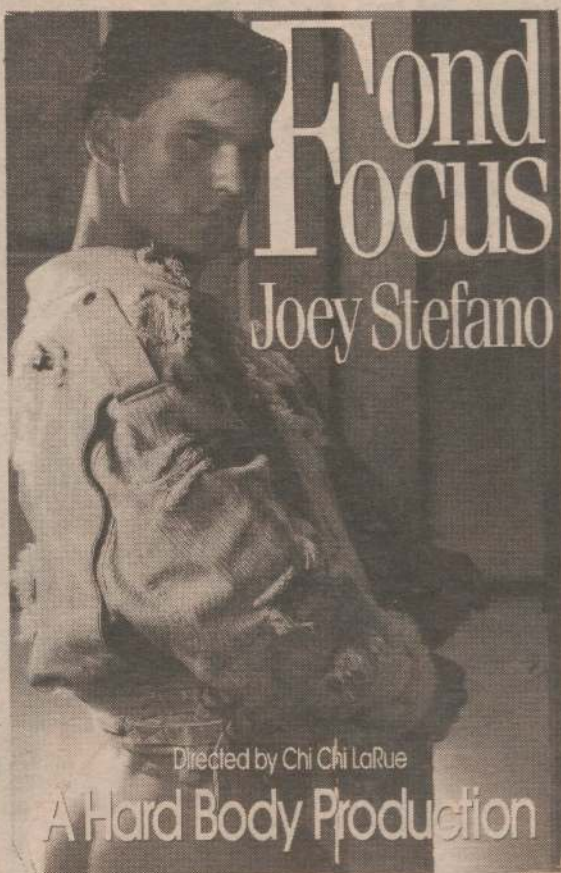




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