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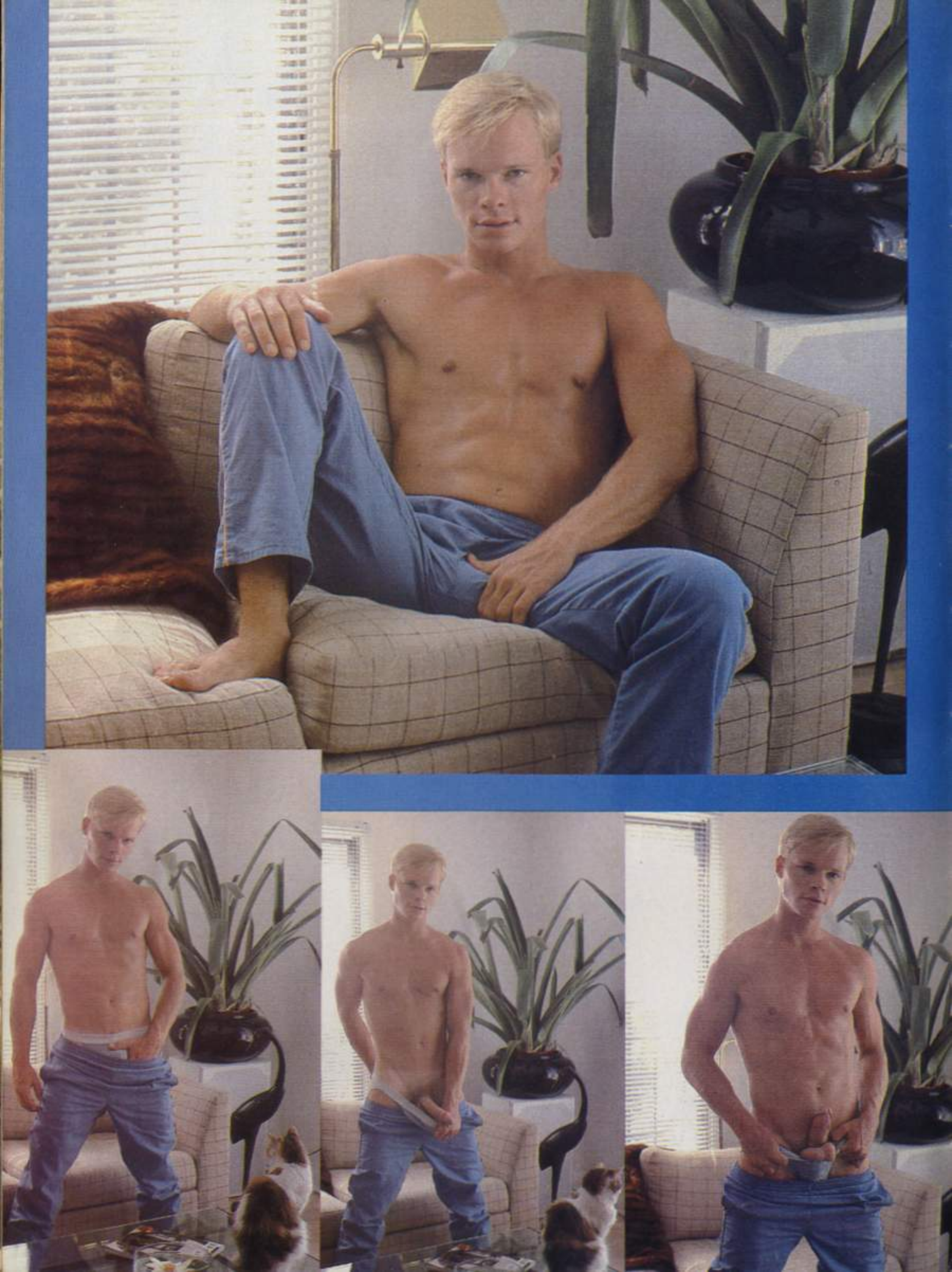
JIM BENTLEY

If the face looks familiar, you may have seen Jim Bentley singing in one of your favorite nightspots or acting bigger than life on the silver screen. And, if he has his way, you'll be seeing even more of him.

"I'm going to be an actor," Jim notes with a confident tone, "and that's not just a dream. It's a commitment to myself. The competition is fierce and the work is hard. I have no illusions about that. It may be a dream, but it's a dream I'm working very hard to turn into a reality."



Aggressive and sure of himself at 24, Bentley's blue-eyed and blond good looks top a spectacular body. "It's part of the hard work if you're pursuing this kind of career. Your body has to be in good shape at all times," Jim explains. "So I maintain a regular workout schedule."

Vocal lessons and lots of practicing to keep his voice in shape fill up other hours of Jim's busy days.

"And then there's the most difficult part of all," he explains. "That's selling yourself, your talent. You just have to keep that part of your life up or you lose out. Nobody's discovered at Schwab's and made into a star overnight. It's more like being discovered after 10 years of strenuous effort."

Any room for fun in this busy man's life? "Well, I try not to be a 'dull boy,' all work and no play," he says grinning. "To relax, I get away from it all in Puerto Vallarta. It's close and inexpensive. Or I go to one of the popular local spots where I can surround myself with handsome, friendly men. That relaxes me too."

And where might that be? *Advocate MEN* asks.

Jim Bentley just smiles.