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Twenty Candles for MCC

by Steve Warren

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Rev. Troy Perry (R) and Phillip De Bleck

Cheers, challenges and congratulations filled the air as the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) celebrated its 20th anniversary on October 6th at a lavish, $100-a-plate dinner at the Registry Hotel in Universal City, California, with more than 700 in attendance.

Still presiding over what is the oldest and largest institution serving the lesbian/gay community is its founder, Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, who has seen his denomination grow from 12 people meeting in his living room to a worldwide outreach with more than 40,000 members.

Following a parade of testimonies from such diverse MCC members as an English missionary, a Mormon businesman turned gay activist, and Australian transvestite, a black lesbian, French-Canadian and Chicago gay men and a heterosexual grandmother, Father Malcom Boyd, an openly gay Episcopal priest and successful author, declared, ''What I just heard here is the Book of Acts in 1988!''

Boyd, who has always been close to MCC without being part of it, said he was asked to be critical of the church. Without putting down what MCC has done or is doing, he veiled his criticism in charges to do more in five areas. ''Speak the truth with love'' to the gay and religious communities he exhorted, even though many people in both are hostile to your work.

''We cannot live without safe sex,'' Boyd said. ''MCC, address this. Offer us leadership.'' Also , ''Be more open to other cultures. . .*Universal* Fellowship is where the future lies.'' The AIDS challenge, he pointed out, is bringing lesbians and gay men closer together and expanding the role of women in the MCC's ministry.

Finally Boyd pushed his own agenda of gay and lesbian theology which, he pridicted, will ''change the face of theology as we know it.'' To this end he announced upcoming joint ventures between MCC's Samaritan College and his own Institute of Gay Spirituality and Theology. ''MCC,'' he encouraged in closing, ''keep the church a place where Jesus is welcome (and) can be himself.''

Far less critical was Rev. Susan Turley

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DBA Benefit scheduled for December 10

PALM SPRINGS — The award-winning Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will present a benefit premiere concert at the Palm Springs Convention Center on Saturday, December 10. According to David Barter, president of the sponsoring Desert Business Association (D.B.A.), the concert will be ''a Christmas celebration for the whole family'' with proceeds going to benefit the D.B.A.'s ''Santa for Seniors'' program.

An all-new music program will be presented by the Chorus, under the artistic direction of Jon Bailey. The evening's theme, ''Christmas Is. . .'', will also feature a performance by the companion ''Company L.A.'' dance troup. The ticket price of $10.00 includes a two dollar donation to benefit senior citizens. The proceeds will be used to provide food baskets to seniors under the auspices of the Desert Community Mental Health Center, say D.B.A. organizers. Concetgoers are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift suitable for a senior man or woman which the Desert Business Association will also distribute before Christmas.

''The Gay Men's Chorus of L.A. is a nationally-known group and we're proud to bring them to the desert,'' stated Barter. ''We expect a sellout crowd.''

No-host cocktails will be available when doors open at 7:00 p.m. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the D.B.A. office at (619) 327-0161 or (619) 324-0178, or may be purchased at the door.

The concert grand piano is being provided courtesy of Colton Piano and Organ Company.

Election produces mixed results for gay/lesbian community

WASHINGTON, D.C. — This year's election brought mixed results for the gay/lesbian community, according to the National Gay Task Force. The most significant victory was the defeat of Proposition 102 in California, the Dannemeyer AIDS initiative that would have eliminated anonymous HIV testing and imposed mandatory reporting of HIV positive individuals. The greatest disappointments were in Oregon, where a state executive order banning sexual orientation discrimination was overturned in a referendum, and in Connecticut, where AIDS and gay civil rights supporter Lowell Weicker was defeated in his bid for reelection to the Senate.

Irrespective of those results, however, Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF's executive director, observed that '' this election marks the end of an era of neglect by the President of the nation's most compelling public health issue. While we do not fully agree with President-elect George Bush on many of his positions on AIDS, Bush has been more engaged on this issue than President Reagan.''

Commenting on the defeat of Proposition 102 and its impact on national politics, Levi observed, ''This is a great victory for public health. It is a statement by the people of California that they will not be browbeaten into accepting expensive and ineffective 'quick fixes' to the AIDS problem. It proves that education of a population can work in changing attitudes and increasing understanding about AIDS. We hope this defeat of William Dannemeyer — on the heels of three-to-one votes against his repressive proposals in the House of Representatives last month — will return debate to a more reasonable level in California and in the nation's capital. We also believe that defeat of this measure will stop a steamroller effect of copy cat propositions around the country.''

NGLTF noted with regret passage of the other California AIDS initiative, Proposition 96, which, among other things, allows court-ordered testing of persons accused of certain crimes. Observed public information director Urvashi Vaid, ''While not as far-reaching as 102, it attacks the basic civil liberties of those most vulnerable in our society — persons accused of crimes. Had this required testing of those *convicted* of sexual assault, etc., this might have been an understandable — though not necessarily appropriate — approach. However, in permitting testing of those merely *accused* of certain crimes, the measure undermines the fundamental American principle of innocent until proven guilty — and provides a motivation for false accusations of crimes. It poses a substantial threat to the accused's opportunity to receive a fair, impartial trial, particularly in jury cases.''

The vote to repeal the Oregon executive order on sexual orientation discrimination was the source of great disappointment — ''to gays and lesbians and all those concerned with civil liberties,'' Levi said. ''On the

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Activists say a Bush Administration 'May not be hopeless'

by Rex Wockner

CHICAGO — National gay and lesbian activists in Washington, D.C., nearly all of whom supported Governor Michael Dukakis for President, are responding to the election of Vice-President George Bush with their guard up, but not without a glimmer of optimism.

The ray of hope, they say, lies in the fact that Bush has never embraced the moralistic politics of the New Right in the way Ronald Reagan did. This, they think, may leave the door open for more moderate voices in the Republican party to have the new President's ear. Bush also endorsed the recommendations of Reagan's Commission on the HIV Epidemic, something Reagan refused to do himself.

''There is *some* hope of working with Bush on AIDS,'' said Eric Rosenthal, political director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. ''He has, of course, sent mixed signals, and it remains to be seen whether he'll come down on the side of [anti-gay Senator] Jesse Helms (R-NC) or that of responsible public health officials, but he did endorse the HIV Commission's recommendation of non-discrimination protections for persons with AIDS.''

HRCF's communications director, Robert Bray, is concerned, however, that much time has passed since Bush spoke favorably of the Commission recommendations, time during which the drafters of the Republican party platform rejected the Commission's report.

''What we plan to do,'' Bray explained, ''is extend a cautious olive branch to the White House to remind Bush that he said he wants to be a President for all Americans. That must include 20 million lesbian and gay Americans, and must translate into sensitivity to persons with AIDS. We'll remind him of his support for anti-discrimination protections.''

Both Rosenthal and Bray strongly feel that the torch must be partially carried by gay Republicans, who they say have a crucial and necessary role to play in the next four years. ''It's now time for gay Republicans who endorsed Bush to call in some chips,'' Rosenthal said.

''We have to call on gay Republicans

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anniversary of Kristallnacht, it is particularly sad that the people of Oregon would turn their backs on any minority group that has suffered discrimination.'' The contrasting vote in the Presidential election — Oregonians supported Governor Dukakis — showed, Levi said, ''that progressive views in other areas does not always translate into support for gay/lesbian civil rights.''

The returning 101st Congress will look quite similar to the 100th, with one major exception. ''The loss of Lowell Weicker — our strongest advocate and spokesperson in the United States Senate — will be a tremendous one,'' commented Levi. ''Weicker stood alone at times in fighting uncompromisingly for those who were not represented in the Senate — all minorities, not just gays and lesbians. His role in increasing funding for AIDS, most recently in the extension of federal funding for AZT, cannot be overestimated.''

With the election over, Levi said, ''some of the most challenging work is ahead of us. A new administration is being constructed — and we plan to be in on the ground floor in helping advise and counsel the transition teams about AIDS and civil rights issues.''

''We anticipate continued discussion and access to the Public Health Service in a Bush administration,'' Levi continued, ''just as we have had access within the Department of Health and Human Services in the Reagan administration. The change we anticipate is greater receptiveness at the political level — assuming the budget cutters at the Office of Management and Budget are not given the upper hand in health policy debates.''

On a less optimistic note, Levi observed, ''it is clear, based on the record, that George Bush still needs a good deal of education on gay/lesbian issues. It is our hope, however, that a younger, more moderate generation of cabinet officials and other political appointees will at least afford access on these concerns.''

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Moore of the General Convention of Swedenborgian Churches, which was most supportive of MCC's unsuccessful bid to join the National Council of Churches. In drafting her church's opinion she became widely quoted for her contention that if the frequency with which a law is mentioned in Scripture is any criterion, ''pork eaters have a lot more to worry about than gay men and lesbians.''

Rather inappropriately, in the eyes of many, Moore lobbied MCC to take up her pet issue, ''the youth of America.'' While problems of teen pregnancy and abortion, drug use and suicide certainly need the ''immediate, loving attention,'' she espoused, MCC is the least likely church to offer it without arousing suspicion of hidden motives.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos flew south to offer his congratulations: ''It took Moses 40 years to reach the promised land. Troy did it in 20. . . A year before Stonewall you were prophets of liberation.''

Agnos spoke about old laws that were used to discriminate against lesbians and gays: ''In Oklahoma you couldn't get a license to be a hairdreser. . .That might explain a lot about a former Miss Oklahoma, Anita Bryant.''

He addressed his own refusal to let San Francisco host the Olympics until the United States Olympics Committee withdraws its oppostion to the Gay Games' use of the O word. The Gay Games were organized, he said, ''with the same spirit of community pride and pursuit of excellence as the Black Olympics, Armenian-American Olympics, Japanese-American Olympics, Chinese-American Olympics, even the Eskimo Olympics. No one sued them, but they sued the Gay Olympics and called it a trademark issue.''

When Agnos mentioned the Names Project Quilt, which was returning to Washington that weekend, he said it would be five times as big as a year ago. A few people started to applaud the statistic before realizing what it meant and lapsing into an embarrassed silence. Agnos told some Quilt stories of his own before leaving the church members with the thought: ''There's no question that history will record this epidemic. The only question is, how will it record your role in it?''

The speeches were delivered against a painted blow-up of the *Time* magazine cover from early this year which looked back at 1968. Rev. Elder Freda Smith, who emceed the evening, said she had written to protest the magazine's exclusion of MCC's founding from its list of the year's major events. Many of those things will have been forgotten in a hundred years, she predicted, while the impact of MCC's ministry will stand.

In addition to music by MCC members Leroy Dysart, Marsha Stevens and Rev. Danny Ray, Holly Near sang four songs and noted, ''If we didn't want to be activists we might as well have stayed on a spiritual plane. You don't have to pay rent up there.''

Father Marcolm Boyd

Photo by Steve Warren

Rev. Perry rose to speak around midnight, four hours after the start of the event. By his side was Phillip de Bleck, his lover of ''three years, four months and six days.'' Rather than giving a speech Perry referred the audience to his remarks in the printed program they had received, but he couldn't help adding a few anecdotes. One concerned his attendance at a reception for religious leaders during the Pope's visit to Columbia, South Carolina last year. When a conservative clergyperson challenged his right to be there, Perry said he responded, ''The

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Catholic church has invited all the bastard children back home, and they don't care if you're a straight bastard or a gay bastard!''

Death has been much on Perry's mind lately. His mother and one of his earlie MCC colleagues, Rev. Elder ''Papa'' John Hose, both of whom attended the dinner, have been gravely ill for some time, and among the friends he has lost to AIDS recently have been fellow gay activists Dan Bradley and Leonard Matlovich. They gave him heart to go on, he said. ''With our dying breath, we will never give up the struggle. . .We will win!''

What makes MCC different from other churches, Perry said, is tht MCC doesn't claim to have all the answers. ''We listen to each other and speak the truth, but we realize we don't have *all* the truth.''

Perhaps Holly Near expressed it best when she said, ''Just as music can work for or against people, so religion can work for or against people.''

Bush administration 'May not be hopeless'

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who helped elect Bush to start lobbying their man,'' added Bray. ''They must step forward. They *must* become active.''

Speaking for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, public informatin director Urvashi Vaid agreed with HRCF, but added that, realistically, activists will have to lower their expectations around gay rights issues from what they would have asked of a Dukakis administration. On AIDS, however, Vaid feels Bush's HIV Commission endorsement provides hope for a better climate than under Reagan.

Another encouraging piece of the puzzle, activists agree, was discernable attempts by the Bush campaign to subtly reach out to gay voters. According to Rosenthal, it was probably not accidental that Bush mentioned chief federal AIDS researcher Anthony Fauci as one of his heroes during the second Presidential debate.

Rosenthal also recalled that HRCF was invited to testify at Republican platform hearings last summer, and that recent changes in FDA policies on AIDS drugs have been ''very consciously attributed to the leadership of Bush.''

''Somebody in the Republican party,'' Rosenthal said, ''realizes that the gay and lesbian vote goes across the ideological mainstream.''

''That's right,'' said Bray, ''and they're lucky they realize we're here, because gays and lesbians are going to be anything but invisible in the next four years. There will be stepped up direct aciton in the streets and continued high-powered lobbying on the Hill. We're not going to sit around and lick our wounds. It's business as usual.''

Bray, Rosenthal and Viad say Congress provides another ray of sunshine in the aftermath of the election. Bray thinks the gay/lesbian rights bill, which currently has 73 co-sponsors, may well have 80 within a few months. Expected to sign on are Sam Gejdenson (D-OR), Lane Evan (D-IL), Bob Mrazek (D-NY), Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA) and Mike Kopetski (D-OR). None of the current co-sponsors lost their re-election bids.

Rosenthal shares Bray's enthusiasm, but more for the House than the Senate. ''The House will be a better place next year because we defeated a few people who have been bad and elected a few who have good records on our issues,'' he said. ''The Senate, however, while it will be more Democratic, may not be a better place, because [Senator Lowell] Weicker (R-CT) is gone. His absence could be devastating.''

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Killer convicted in anti-lesbian shooting

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On October 27, Adams County, Pennsylvania Judge Oscar Spicer convicted Stephen Roy Carr of first degree murder in a shooting tht killed Rebecca Wight and critically wounded her lover, Claudia Brenner. In a move praised by Brenner, the gay community and victim advocates, the judge also excluded as inadmissable any agruments by the defense that the victims' sexual orientation and behavior provoked the attack.

On May 13, the two women were fired upon at their Apalachian trail campsite by Stephen Roy Carr, whose attorney claimed in a preliminary hearing that Brenner and Wight ''provoked'' the atack by performing sexual acts in front of him, and otherwise teased him. While acknowledging that she and Wight had made love at the campsite, Brenner insisted that they both though 'hey were alone, and described the accusation that they provoked the attack as ''not only untrue but insulting.'' In a statement released to the press, Brenner asserted that ''Rebecca and I were lovers. . . Nothing about who we were or or love for each other could be considered motivation for the outrageous, inhumane violence that Stephen Roy Carr perpetrated against us.''

Commented Kevin Berrill, Director of the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project, ''While the criminal justice system's handling of this particular case was better than usual, we should all be outraged at the attempt by Carr's attorney to blame Brenner and Wight for provoking the attack. It is another revolting example of how our society seeks to shift responsibility for anti-gay violence from the victimizers to the victims.''

Carr waived his right to a jury trial in exchange for an agreement by the prosecution not to seek the death penalty and to drop several lesser charges. Although he has not yet been sentenced, Carr faces life imprisonment without parole. An appeal by Carr's defense attorney is expected.

Commenting on the sentence, Brenner stated that ''a life sentence with no parole in a maximum security prison, while not compensating for our tremendous loss and pain, is the appropriate respoonse to a nightmare that nothing can ever make right.'' Brenner also priased the handling of the case by the local prosecutor and police, describing them as ''respectful and professional. . . All those involved never waivered in the investigation and prosecution of the crime. Most gay people who are victims of violence do not receive the kind of treatment that I received.'' Brenner also called for greater visibility as a means of countering anti-gay violence: ''The only really helpful position we can take is to be open about our lives and share our loves and losses with all people we come in contact with,'' she said.

Brenner and Wight were on a biking trip in Adams County, Pennsylvania when on May 13 they twice encountered defendant, Stephen Roy Carr, along their route. After making camp in a secluded area by a stream, the women were suddenly fired upon by Carr, who had been hiding nearby. Wight, who was shot at the back and the head, died at the campsite. Although shot five times, Brenner managed to walk nearly four miles to a road where she was able to get help.

''This attack is the worst nightmare of every woman and every gay person; it is the ultimate violation of our right to live and love as we choose,'' said Berrill. ''In the face of this ordeal, Claudia has shown incredible strength and will and dignity. Her decision to speak out about the attack — and the bigotry that led to it — is an inspiration to lesbian and gay people everywhere.''

Controversy breaks out in Episcopal Church

NEW YORK — A controversy has broken out in the Episcopal Church that may be headed for the Church's rarely used ecclesiastical courts.

In a bid to raise money and gain members, a fundamentalist group, Episcopalians United for Revelation, Renewal and Reformation has attacked Integrity, the Church's lesbian and gay ministry, for distributing pornography. The gay group has responded by filing charges of miscounduct against the fundamentalists, potentially leading to church court.

The controversy began in October when EURRR, based in Shaker Heights, Ohio, mailed a fundraising appeal to thousands of Episcopal clergy and laity around the country. In the appeal, EURRR Executive Director John Throop accused Integrity of distributing an AIDS prevention brochure that uses ''obscene language'' and ''condones'' ''unnatural and dangerous acts.''

Enclosed with the fundraiser was a sealed brown envelope marked ''Contains Offensive Material'' and ''Do Not Open''. The envelope contained a 1985 brochure entitled ''Guidelines for AIDS Risk Reduction'' published by the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Health Project, an AIDS-support group unconnected with Integrity. However, the booklet bore the Integrity logo and a return address in Raleigh, North Carolina which was not that of the local Integrity chapter.

''The whole thing is reminiscent of Joseph Goebbels,'' said Integrity National President Kim Byham, who has filed charges against the Rev. Mr. Throop with the Rt. Rev. James R. Moodey, Episcopal Bishop of Ohio. ''Our local chapter gave no money or otherwise helped to produce that brochure, nor do any of the members even remember having seen it. On the other hand, this kind of thing puts us in a terrible situation. We are one hundred percent committed to AIDS work and support the promotion of safer sexual practices. There is scarcely an Integrity chapter anywhere that is not engaged in some kind of AIDS ministry. We are proud of that work. What we won't accept is EURRR's misrepresentation and slander.''

In a November 10th letter to Bishop Moodey, Integrity charged Throop with acting immorally and in a way ''unbecoming a member of the clergy,'' and asked that a trial be held. The latter accusation must first be considered by the diocese's Standing Committee, three-quarters of which must be convinced of the merits of the charge.

''Frankly, I was shocked at the hatred expressed in the EURRR letter; I hope that the Diocese of Ohio will fully investigate their conduct,'' said Greg Fuquay of Atlanta, Integrity's Southern Regional Vice-President and an officer of the local North Cariolna chapter when the NCLGHP pahmplet was released. ''It needs to be made clear that verbal gay-bashing is no more acceptable in this church than physical bashing.''

NAMES Project Quilt to be part of World AIDS day

SAN FRANCISCO — The National AIDS Memorial, a huge quilt made of individual 3 foot by 6 foot panels, each bearing the name of a person who has died of AIDS, will officially become international on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1988.

Local NAMES Project chapters in Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Norway and West Germany will organize small displays of the Quilt, including panels made in their own countries. Chapters in the United States are also organizing displays, and several holding community quilting bees or candlelight memorials. The NAMES Project Quilt will also be the backdrop to several other events throughout the day.

''In the United States, the Quilt has helped many people express the loss of their friends and loved ones, and it has helped

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many others learn about the impact of AIDS,'' said Jeannette Koijane, Director of International Programs for the NAMES Project. ''But AIDS is a global tragedy and people from around the world have expressed interest in the Quilt's message. World AIDS Day will help them get involved with the Quilt.''

On a local level World AIDS Day will help make AIDS information available, not only in the large cities, but also in smaller communities where accurate information can be harder to find.

World AIDS Day is sponsored by The World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS. It is a day for all AIDS organizations to talk about the disease and explain to their communities what is being done in education, research, and direct services for those with AIDS.

The NAMES Project Foundation, sponsor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, was establilshed in June, 1987. Its goals are to illustrate the impact and human toll of the AIDS epidemic, to provide a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic, and to raise vital funds and encourage support for people with AIDS and their loved ones.

Janus Theatre to hold audtions for ''The Killing of Sister George''

PHOENIX — Janus Theatre Company will hold open auditions for its second play of the season *The Killing of Sister George* by Frank Marcus.

A side-splitting comedy about a B.B.C. soap opera character and the actress who portrays her, a cigar smoking, gin drinker and her female lover.

Auditions will be held November 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Janus Theatre, 3302 N. 7th Street.

Positions for all stage crew (lighting, sets, props and costumes) are also available. The play will be presented January 13 through February 5. For more information call the Theatre at 956-4940 or 265-1399.

County funds safe-sex workshop & rap group

MESA — The AIDS Referral, Counceling and Education Program (A.R.C.E.) in Mesa, will be holding Safe-Sex Workshops and Rap Groups on Tuesday evenings in the Program's offices at 508 W. 10th Street.

''Sexercise'' and ''Can We Talk'' are being funded through a grant that the A.R.C.E. Program received from Maricopa County Department of Health Services. The purpose of the educational grant is to reduce the incidence of HIV infection and AIDS in Maricopa County through health education and risk reduction activities.

Both groups are the first of its kind in the state of Arizona. Both groups are established with complete curriculums and facilitators.

For further information please contact Paul Michaels at the A.R.C.E. Program, 461-2437, as soon as possible.

Trend toward Republican registration slowing

PHOENIX — Voter registration figures recently released by the Secretary of State's office showed that an Arizona trend towards Republican registration which has existed over the past eight years has slowed markedly since 1986.

In 1984 Democrats had a slim 1.11 percent lead in registration in the state. Democrats had 45.43 percent and Republicans had 44.32 percent of the registration.

In the period from 1984 to 1986 the trend toward Republican registration virtually halted. While Republicans continued to gain slightly, they only picked up .59 percent over that two-year period, contrasted with the 3.5 percent gained on Democrats the preceding two-year period.

In analyzing the change in the trend towards Republican registration, Democratic Party Executive Director Glenn Davis said he was encouraged by the trend over the past two years.

''If Democrats had continued to slip behind Republicans in registration at the same rate as we saw between 1984 and 1986, Republicans would be ahead in this state by more than six percentage points,'' Davis said.

''The fact is we now have slowed down that trend to a point that the difference between Democratic and Republican registration is virtually the same this year as it was two years ago,'' he said.

At the rate the trend is slowing, it is likely that we will begin to cut into the Republican lead in the next two years,'' Davis concluded.

Healing Waters celebrates anniversary

Annie Ray Shives (L) and Bob Hurt (at keyboard) of ''Genesis'' perform for Healing Waters Ministries.

PHOENIX — ''They say that the first year of a relationship is always the roughest,'' mused Rev. Jim Simpson, Pastor of Healing Waters Ministries, ''but our first year of existence was one of tremendous growth and preparation.''

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Healing Waters Ministries, an independent body not affiliated with UFMCC, celebrated its one year anniversary throughout October with various activities. Final preparations and repairs on the building and sanctuary were completed. The church, which consists of both gay and non-gay membership, also used the anniversary to examine its upcoming goals for the future.

The annual congregational meeting set forth a specific agenda: to purchase a vehicle with wheelchair access for the transportation of members, friends and people for the community worship services and other needed services, such as job interviews or medical appointments; to sponsor a fundraising event for PWAs at a local bar; to expand its outreach programs and support services for PWAs; and to continue the healing and growth of its continuing and forthcoming membership.

Healing Waters Ministries, now incorporated in the state of Arizona, sponsored a concert by the California-based spiritual group, "Genesis". The October 15 concert drew over 40 people from the community to hear the gospel singers. The October 16 worship service also featured a guest speaker from California who noted that "Churches twice the size of Healing Waters [illegible] in Phoenix. don't do half as much as this church does."

The church's Manna Distribution Program (food baskets for the needy) has had a tremendous demand from the community in the past two months. The church plans to prepare for the heavy need for food, clothing and toys for the upcoming holiday season.

"Our doors will be open on Christmas Day to PWAs and anyone in the community in need," said Rev. Simpson. "Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, and the church will be holding its 11:00 a.m. worship service followed by a Christmas dinner for anyone who wishes to attend.

"For many PWAs and the homeless, there will be no family or no celebration. We want people to know that the family of God is a loving and strong one — and all are accepted into this home."

For more information on Healing Waters Ministries, or its Christmas Day program, contact the church at 244-1577. The 9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible study, 11:00 a.m. worship services and its 7:30 p.m. Wednesday ACA Group (Adult Children of Alcoholics/Abuse/Abandonment) are held at the Adobe Gardens Center, 5555 E. Van Buren, Suite A-10 (south side of the center) in Phoenix.

Around The Globe

Hungarian Gays Campaigning Openly

by John Hubert

The Hungarian group, "HomEROS", which received official government recognition earlier this year, is now campaigning openly to draw more lesbians and gays out of their closets.

The *Southern Voice* of Atlanta reports that the president of HomEROS, Lajos Romsauer, a 52-year-old psychiatrist, is speaking publicly about his lifestyle and that of his gay friends. The government has given HomEROS permission to campaign against discrimination, as well as to fight AIDS through education, in partnership with the Hungarian health authorities.

Up-coming projects include the production of a play about gays, screening of non-pornographic gay movies, the publication of a group newsletter and various social activities, including dances and excursions. 120 people attended the founding ceremony and over 200 more have expressed a desire to participate. The first branch outside of Budapest, the capital, has formed in the city of Gyor. For more information, write, in care of HOSI-Wien, Novaragasse 40, A-1020 Wien, Austria. They will be happy to receive books and local publications to add to their new library.

The Mexican Foundation for the Fight Against AIDS recently held a dazzling concert at the National Music Hall in Mexico City, conducted by Jesus Rodruguez and with the participation of some of Mexico's top performers. According to *Macho Tips* of Mexico City, the concert was an overwhelming success, both as to funds raised and as to the solidarity expressed by the singers and the public.

Macho Tips #16 is now available in the U.S. from IWI, 2215-R Market Street, No. 236, San Francisco, CA 94114 for $3.75 including postage. Issue #16 is 66 pages and features articles on Parents and Friends international groups, Marlene Dietrch, an Amazonas section for women, and lots of pictures, news, classifieds and a complete guide to Gay Mexico.

The Japanese ILGA Support Group (JILGA) held their 4th anniversary party at the "Radish" restaurant in Shinjuku-ku Tokyo. Eight women were among the 18 participants. After dinner, the March on Washington video was shown.

JILGA's activities include an AIDS hot line, serving as the ILGA Asian Information Pool, publishing a bulletin "WIN" in Japanese and a bi-monthly newsletter in English called "Asian Wind" (formerly Asian Wave). Overseas subscriptions are $4.00 U.S., and JILGA's new address is 201 Hohyu Bldg., 2-11-9 Yotsuya, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo 160, Japan. Teishiro Minami is the editor of "Asian Wind" and "WIN" and leader of JILGA.

JILGA will be holding their 2nd national conference August 20 and 21 at a resort near the sea. Participation in several new national projects will be discussed as well as on-going programs to benefit lesbian and gay people in Japan and Asia as a whole.

Neon Magazine, the number one gay publication in Thailand, will soon be available in the United States. The 130 pages include many photo essays in color, a Thai gay scene section in English and the remainder of the monthly magazine is written in Thai. *Neon* is male oriented and will give you a good glimpse of gay life in Thailand from the male perspective. *Neon* will be available form International Wavelength, Inc., the publishers of *Passport*.

Passport #11 is now out and features a photo spread from *Oriental Guy Magazine*, plus news from Japan, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and nine pages of personal ads. Single issues are $3.50 in the U.S. and $5.00 overseas, including postage. Write to IWI, 2215-R Market Street, No. 236, San Francisco, CA 94114.

GOHL, the seven-year-old gay liberation gorup in Guadalajara, Mexico, has just produced an impressinve "Prevent AIDS" packet in Spanish. The packet contains information on AIDS and the use of condoms, plus a short comic book, "Un Chico Diferente", with more information on AIDS, and they also throw in a couple of condoms for good measure. For your Prevent AIDS packet send $2.00 U.S. cash or 3,000 Pesos Mexican to: GOHL, Apartado Postal 1-1693, 44100 Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Gay and Lesbian Buddhists! A new group in the United States called the Buddhist Association of the Gay/Lesbian Community aims to serve as a center for the spiritual growth and development of lesbian and gay Buddhists. They hope to act as a medium for the exchange of ideas and experiences relating to the unfolding of the Buddhidharma. For more information write to BAGLC, P.O. Box 1974, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003.

The New Moon is a new semi-slick national publication for lesbians. Published quarterly, *The New Moon* will examine the lesbian community as a positive gorup with unique interests and issues. *The New Moon* will include indepth features, profiles of famous, the infamous and not-so-famous women, plus articles on travel, arts/entertainment, politics, news, short stories, poetry, sports and classifieds. A one year subscription is $15.00 and can be sent to *The New Moon*, 2 Kings Terrace, Ames, Iowa 50010.

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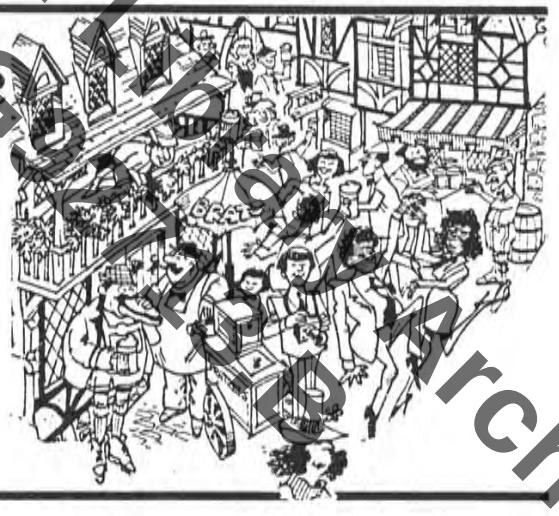

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Without Reservations

by Bill Orovan

You're down in the dumps, and even a bowl of chicken soup won't lift your spirits. What are you to do? The solution is elementary, my dear Reader. And you, too, can undoubtedly figure it out — **Without a Clue**! What you might not figure out without a clue or two, however, is why **Rosita's Place**, a Mexcian eatery in Phoenix, was chosen as the restaurant to pair with a film about a legendary detective and his assistant in Victorian England. Get out your trusty (magnifying) glass and closely examine a green corn tamale and a chicken enchilada. What do you see? (If you still don't have the foggiest idea what the connection is, [or even if you do], read the pertinent reviews below for further clues [or just for the fun of it!].) Following those critiques I will give my (abbreviated) impressions of **Everybody's All-American, Child's Play** and **1969.**

ROSITA'S PLACE

Life, even in non-election years, is full of paradoxes. Take *Rosita's Place*, for example. Having just moved from its former location of thirty-some-odd years, it is simultaneously one of the oldest and one of the newest Mexican restaurants in the Valley.

I had been going to the old place, at the noisy west end of Sky Harbor, for so many years that it had become like an old friend with whom I could be comfortable without having to constantly watch my P's and Q's. Now the lady has moved uptown (but by no means in the high rent district) and shed her campy *50's Nogales modern* interior for one that is at least stereotypically contemporary, if not outright generic and bland. From a strictly physical point of view, only the dusty dirt road in front of the place still bespeaks of authenticity with a solid south-of-the-border dialect (and, despite the city's apparent determination to the contrary, it inevitably will be paved again — within this decade, we presume.)

Spiritually, however, the Place remains more or less the same. Yes, they have removed the TV from the dining room with

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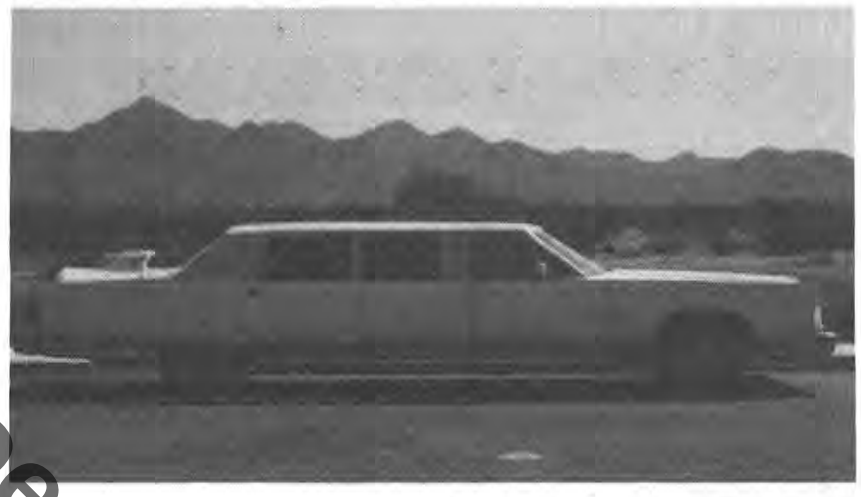

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Channel 33 vainly trying to compete with the Spanish songs blaring away on the judebox (to which a lot of country music now has been added), and they do have a few new faces on their staff, but the same friendly waitresses still know a lot of their customers by name and the same cooks prepare the food from the same recipies that we all have come to know and love. And now the nine framed *Best of Phoenix* plaques have a prominent place on their own wall.

The menu hasn't changed all that much, either, except that they have deleted the option of *grande* or *chico* portions, the latter being a nice way to "graze" on a number of items without going into double-digit figures on the bill. For those who can't read English, all the dishes are still also listed in Spanish (but not converted into pesos — a no-no in these days of highly variable exchange rates).

The chips (75¢ per order), deep fried wedges of paper thin corn tortillas that were served hot and still glistening with grease (which is probably what gave them that terrific flavor), are among the best in town. A large bowl of delicious but unusual tasting (could it have been spiked with cumin?) red hot sauce and one of an even hotter green sauce were perfect partners. A bottle of *Pacifico* ($1.80) helped to put out the fire. My large bowl of menudo ($3.00) was piled so high with hominy and tender but appropriately chewy squares of beef tripe that I could have deemed it to be a light meal. What makes Rosita's version so great was its hearty, piquant broth — although I must admit that I do regret not having had fresh cilantro to add to it along with the oregano, lemon, chopped onion and hot pepper that was provided. This elixer for hangovers is available in red or white, with or without hominy, and also *con pata* (if you have to ask what it is, you probably wouldn't want this one anyway.)

My buddy generously gave me the larger wing joint of his chicken *mole* ($4.60), leaving himself with only a small thigh and, of course, the remaining other half of the wing. The chicken was fork tender and the sauce was pleasant, but lacking the richness that can only be attained with a sufficient amount of chocolate. There is a world of difference between a good mole and a great mole. His accompanying rice was much too fluffy and tasteless and a tangle of shredded lettuce just took up room on the plate. It was not purely for altruistic interests that I didn't solicit supplementary tastes of anything from his meal.

I was quite content, however, with my burrito filled with *chicharrones* (pig skins) in a fiery green chili sauce replete with bits of tomato ($2.50). Normally their version is hot enough to knock your socks off, but today's chiles were a smidge milder than usual, which led me to appreciate the taste of the main ingredient all the more. Nevertheless, the highlight of my meal was the green tamale, a generous portion for a mere $1.50. With freshly ground corn making the *masa* sweet and cool, the chile strips and yellow cheese that filled the center completed a sensational taste packet — perhaps the best of its kind in the Valley.

On a second visit, I had the same mixed emotions as before. My companion's chicken fajitas weren't any better or worse than average, being cooked with only some onions, sweet green peppers and a dash of black pepper. I loved his *frijoles*, however, for being an unusual combination of a creamy puree with a raft of *al dente* whole beans mixed in. And his guacamole was delightfully cool and suave, replete with buttery chunks of avocado. There was a lot of chicken offered, but $6.50 still seemed like a pretty stiff price tag for that meal.

I chose a trio of a la carte dishes, the least successful of which was a soft *carnitas* taco ($1.75). When done properly, the chunks of pork are sauteed with onions (and sometimes other goodies) to a savory brown crispness that is terribly habit forming. Rosita's was merely roasted pork (with the requisite lettuce, tomato and a slick of guacamole), but otherwise with no discernible herbs or spices. Her *machaca* ($1.75) couldn't hold a candle to many of those found in the Valley, either. It was too mushy from overcooking — and the flavors of the various ingredients had become, for all practical purposes, homogeneous.

My biggest surprise came in the form of a *chorizo* (Mexican sausage) tostada ($2.00). The strangely seasoned (but piquant) meant was crumbled atop a sturdy, deep fried corn tortilla, omitting the usual layer of frijoles, topped with a thick overlay of shredded lettuce and crowned with a tomato lying on a fat (and fattening) bed of sour cream. As careful as I tried to be (and even without the base crumbling — thank goodness for small favors), this was one of the messiest meals I have ever experienced. There I was with drips of chile colored grease running down my hand and sour cream getting caught up in my mustache, enjoying the heck out of one really fine tostada.

At this point we didn't have any room for dessert, but, as duty called, we ordered a flan ($1.50) and an empanada (75¢). Thankfully, they were out of both (the only

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desserts on the menu), and we breathed a collective sigh of relief.

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The patties are quarter-pounders (two make a half-pounder), thin, juicy and wide enough to fill the sesame seed bun from one side to the other. Amazingly, they were able to make mine rare, as ordered. I chose BBQ sauce (mustard & catsup, ranch or thousand island dressing were the alternatives), which was tangy without being overbearing, mild melted Swiss cheese and crisp savory bacon. They added crisp lettuce, a tomato slice and a few of the mildest, sweetest fresh chopped onions this side of heaven. The real star of the show, however, was a bag of golden, extra-crunchy, home-cut, skins-on, lightly salted, fluffy french fries. Even with the extra 85¢ for the bacon, the whole combo only came to $3.15. You don't have to be a *lucky boy* to get this deal — just a smart one!

Photo by Graham Attwood

Reginald Kincaid/Sherlock Holmes (Michael Caine) and Dr. Watason (Ben Kingsley) in "Without A Clue" from Orion Pictures Corporation.

WITHOUT A CLUE

History has been re-written so many times that it's doubtful we will ever get to know what really happened during much of those ancient eras. Some "facts" change greatly according to the perspective of the person relating them. Take different newspapers' accounts of the same story, for instance, and you'll discover that even today things aren't always what they appear to be. Therefore, it's easy to see how the anecdotes of people and events might easily have been modified in the course of a century. Following this line of thought, suppose — just suppose — that in the case of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson, of 221-B Baker Street, Watson was really the super-sleuth and Holmes merely a puppet for the sake of appearances.

Actually, this is precisely the premise that screenwriters Gary Murphy and Larry Strawther used in their hilarious co-authored motion picture debut.

It seems that the good doctor (*Oscar* winner Ben Kingsley), who had an avocation for sleuthing, invented the character of the great detective in order not to have the conservative medical community view him as eccentric. He hired Reginald Kincaid (*Oscar* winner Michael Caine), a perpetually out-of-work actor to play the part of Holmes. I suspect he must have deduced from the start (but thought it inconsequential) that his new living mannequin had a weakness for wine and women and, in addition, got quite unnerved at the sight of blood. I suppose he deemed it irrelevant that Holmes became a household word for cleverly solving the crimes that were, in actuality, unravelled by the ingenious Watson.

Having played the role for a decade, Kincaid begins to feel comfortable as the esteemed Holmes to the point of occasional ad-libs, while Watson starts to long for some of the glory for himself. When, in one of his all too frequent moments of reckless bravado, Holmes tells the press that a murder was committed "with a blunt excrement", a flustered Watson decides this Victorian "odd couple" is due for an immedite dissolution. Proclaiming himself "The Crime Doctor", he tries doing a solo number, but to no avail. It seems that the fictional Holmes, the character that he had created, had becomemore powerful than real life itself, while the degenerate Kincaid was not even capable of taking care of himself. Once reunited, their co-dependence grows into a mutual admiration as they go off into the Lake Country to solve the mystery. After some perilously close times,

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by Rodney Martin
Photography by Jesse Lujan

I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth''? This is a dangerous twosome....

And speaking of **Cattleman's** Happy Anniversary (this past Wednesday)....

Vinny was seen around town recently — Oh, the reports! Is it true the **B.S. West** staff *sends* you out on these missions? And while you're gone they think up where to send you the next nights? How thoughtful! (Hi, **Chuckie**!)....

Jerry and Spike with the plans for their new patio at The Bum Steer. Patio will be ready for the First Anniversary Party next week.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL...truly a time to join together and give thanks. This will be Charlie's and my second together and *I* plan on many more. As the time approaches to sit with family and friends for our celebrations I would like to express to all of you thanks for the kind and warm feelings of the past year. Now, let's go out and make the next bigger and better! These are the holidays — the best time of year for all of us — so let's get on with it!!

Bobby's 15 — THE DIME STORE WAS. There's a new name and an all new facelift of burgandy and grey carpeting, new mirrors, lights, videos and even a ''bubble machine''! Oh, Lawrence — maybe you can get a booking! Much too much fun and much bigger crowds. Look for the staff of **R.T., Kenny, Bobby, Ron, Joe, Lance, Tom** and **Craig** down on McDowell — stop by and say hi....

Samantha tells me he uses Nice & Easy on the front and Lovin' Care on the rear???? What's he talking about????

Richard aka **The Church Lady Enid** payed us a surprise visit from L.A. — where, yes, he went out on Halloween a'la Enid and was the hit of the W. Hollywood bars. No one here was safe and people immediately locked up all husbands, boyfriends and potential new ex's...*and* he does plan a return....

House Spouse returned from L.A. from Halloween weekend — I saw him once and then he 'retired'...Were we exhausted, dear? I heard about 30 hours straight (no pun) hours of dancing!!!!

Charlie's celebrated its fourth year in Phoenix last week and most of Phoenix was on hand to congratulate and wish them well. With 4¢ cocktails for four hours it's a wonder most of the west wasn't there! Specials on aspirins and rolaids the next day. Congrats to all you guys over there and here's to the nickle cocktails....

A special thank you to **Ronn** and **Dee** who asked Charlie and myself to the *Ricky Van Shelton* concert last week. I sure had fun — and especially since I had never heard of this fellow before. Who's next?....

Vera and **Oly** out together?? Oh Yes, these two **Cattleman's** madcappers were out last Friday, whoopin' and hollerin' together. Vera *did* have a claw hammer with her, but never used it, however, it did fit in his hands perfectly! Look out Phoenix! And, why was Vera singing the song ''All

Some of the zaniness in store from ''Rags to Riches Players'' over at Majix.

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"Turnabout" never had quite the same meaning as it did at the one the troup at Little Jim's 307 held last week. You gotta' guess who!

Rags to Riches Players at **MAJIX** was the hit they hoped for. **D&R** had to squeeze in just for a photo. Heard it was a great show of live and mime. Their Christmas Bazaar is Sunday the 20th, day and night with booths available....

Donna (Tugboat Annie) over at **STIXX** is ready for the crowd next Wednesday for the return of the P.L.T. cast from the hit show **"Hair"**. *This* is one hot show for everyone — dress up in that old sixties garb you've got stowed away and get over there....

Linda Caldwell's at **Wink's** this weekend. She's a great entertainer and provides you with something different for your evening out on the town....

A new granite bar top graces the new **Jay's Brazil** in Scottsdale and that's just *one* of the changes planned. New staff members, new specials and a new attitude are all part of Jay's plan for his new venture....

Have you experienced *"Mr. LuLu and the Breakfast Club"* at **Apollo's**? Yes, 'experience' is the right word! They know how to treat a morning!...Plan on sleeping all afternoon! *Fun* is the only rule....

The staff over at **Incognito** has 'cooked up' a 'hot' idea. They're having a *Chili Cookoff*, Sunday the 20th. *You* get there in the morning to start cooking — yes, it all has be be cooked on premises, and bring a hot plate if you've got one — and *We* get to eat it in the evening....

The Bum Steer has a *big* project underway. They're building the biggest darned patio. If it's as big as it looks like it's going to be they're going to about dou-

KC's isn't letting any grass grow on their plans to establish a major entertainment bar. They've got top entertainment booked into February — practically every week! **The Campers** are Friday the 18th, male strippers, **The Hollywood Kinghts**, on the 25th, and **Lovely Carol** and **Candy Milo** on December 7 (Candy's in the upcoming *Cocoon: The Return*)....

Why are these men smiling? Or, our highly intellegent and talented staff is eagerly waiting to serve you. The guys at Bobby's.

Penelope Poupe' did not bring home the title of *Miss Gay America*, however she tells me that the winner, Miss St. Louis, was the most deserving of the honors. Fun was reported in abundance and hearing about it was truly a learning experience. The plans for *Miss Gay Arizona* are coming right along with Decembr 11 set for the pageant. It'll be at the Scottsdale Sheraton with tickets availble at most bars. P.P., who now has the rights to *all* gay pageants in Arizona, tells me that as of press time she has 12 contestants. National runner-up of the America pageant, **Brandy Alexander**, will be on hand to help with the local show. *This* will be an interesting contest!!!!

Might one ask why Treva's pictures always show her eating? She's writing "For Whom the Dinner Bell Tolls".

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Saturday, November 19th
"While the Cat's Away . . ." Leather Night
With Cash Prizes for the Best Leather Attire.
Semi-Finals Contest for Charlie's Representative
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Sunday, November 20th
Deja Vu Presents a Special Show and
Charity Fundraiser as a Candidate
For Miss A.G.R.A.

Tuesday, November 22nd
"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest,
A Fundraising Event for L.G.C.S.

Wednesday, November 23rd
Garic presents a Charity Auction
As a Candidate for Mr. A.G.R.A.

Thursday, November 24th
Thanksgiving Day, Charlie's Opens at Noon.
A.G.R.A. Turnabout from 7 till 10 PM

Friday, November 25th
"Wild Turkey Night" — Drink Specials
For All You "Gobblers"

Sunday, November 27th
Moosala Presents a Charity Cut-A-Thon
At 2 Pm as a Candidate for Miss A.G.R.A.

Tuesday, November 29th
"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest
A Fundraising Event for L.G.C.S.

Wednesday, November 30th
Garic Presents a Charity Auction
As a Candidate for Mr. A.G.R.A.

Friday, December 2nd
Wayne Presents a Charity Dinner
At 7 PM as a Candidate for Mr. A.G.R.A.

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Scenes from Charlie's Fourth Anniversary Celebration. And, no that's not Halloween make-up on the Cloggers — That's the way they go out!

Don't you dare miss the AIDS AUCTION at **Little Jim's 307** on Sunday the 20th! It also ends their month-long food drive for PWAs. This is their big event of the year and is a chance for you to take part in their efforts to help our community. (Happy Birthday, **Daffy**!). . . .

Tom Warner and 'friend' are off to England for the Thanksgiving holiday and a chance to get away. Of course he leaves **THE CLUB** in good hands. . . **Donny, Rick**, et al, we'll be watching for sure!!!!

Lynn Houston, Talk of the Town, has formed a new band for there and on the road. **Sweet Talk** premiered thier easy listening rock music there this past week and will be at the Talk on Wednesdays. I heard one guy plays *six* keyboards!. . . .

Dinner at **Preston's** would definitely be in order over the holidays! And, you ought to see the spread for their Mexican Buffet on Tuesdays. . . .

Sal over at **TRAX** has done it again! This time it's a 'stellar' show with the MAYFLOWER sailing off somewhere between Jupiter and Uranus (pun intended). This is for their Thanksgiving Special *"Pilgrims In Space"*? Well, of course! But I want to know more about what happened to the Cleaver family? Are they still coming for a visit? By the way, heard they have quite a hit with their *MEN'S NIGHT* on Tuesday and afterhours for the bartenders to drop in on and of course anyone who likes to stay out late. . . .

Dillon Powers is entertaining in the Patio Bar at Preston's this weekend. She will be taking a couple of weeks off only to return to Preston's to perform at cocktail hour in the bar inside. She's a great talent and will make a stop by there for that after-work relaxation just that much more relaxing. . . .

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D.J. and Paul at Durango's Military Uniform Night. Wake up Paul!

Michael Greer in performance at KC's. And guess what? He's coming back!

Stairsteps of the lovlies. Or how many people does it take to focus a light?

ble thier capacity. There's been a lot of changes in lots of ways under new owners **Jerry** and **Spike**. Good goin' guys! You're creating a great atmosphere! November 25-27 is the bar's first anniversary party and you won't want to miss it!! Hot times are planned. . . .

And in closing, a big congratulations goes out to **Janus Theatre Company** as it enters its "Tenth Anniversary Season" this week. And a big thanks goes out to 'everyone's buddy' **Steve Schemmel** for having started it and for sticking through the good and bad for so many years. Best wishes to all of you continuing the work. Now, you readers, plan on seeing "A Night On Comedy Row" directed by and starring people from our community. You *must* support them! This is the second oldest gay repertory theatre in the entire country and is probably the most reknowned. We *must* have our arts to make us a better community and they *must* have your support through attendance and contributions. Things are never financially rosey for an all-volunteer, non-paid theatrical company but you can do a lot to help make it easier. Plan a theatre party with your friends and show your appreciation.

Deja Vu and Zenobia in performance at Deja's benefit for Miss Gay Arizona.

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Charlie's Country Cloggers practice night

Tuesday
Draft 10¢, 7 till Midnight
Sunburst Squares practice night
"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest

Wednesday
White Well Drinks 2-4-1, 7 till Midnight
Country Dance Lessons at 7:30 P.M.
Pool Tournament at 9:30 P.M.

Thursday
Half-Price Night On Everything!
7 till Midnight
Charlie's Country Cloggers practice night

Friday
50¢ *Happy Hour*, 6 till 9 P.M.
Well — Longnecks — Shots of Schnapps
Square Dance Lessons, 7 - 9 P.M.
Afterhours

Saturday
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Bare Chest Night from 7 - 9 P.M.
Cool off without your shirt and get
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Afterhours

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the good guys come out victorious.

Although the cinematography demanded by the script is not especially critical, Alan Hume (*Return of the Jedi, A Fish Called Wanda*) does a beautiful job with his camera in capturing the various moods sought by director Tom Eberhardt as well as the lovingly crafted sets of production designer Brian Ackland-Snow. Peter Tanners editng and Henry Mancini's music help heighten the parody in diverse but crucial ways. And, although the film is cleverly written, it could not have blossomed into such a successful comedy without the considerable talents of Michael Caine and his perfect counterpoint in Ben Kingsley.

Paul Freeman successfully portrays another of his quintessential evil characters, here as the villain, Moriarity. Pat Keen really shines as Mrs. Hudson, a friend and confidant to Watson who is forced by circumstances to work with Holmes, a man she loathes. Other outstanding performances were brought in by Peter Cook as Greenhough, publisher of "The Strand" magazine, Elizabeth Kelly as the landlady at the rutic Shakespeare Inn, and young Mathew Savage as the leader of the *Baker Street Irregulars*.

The epilogue states "With apologies to the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson." *Au contraire*. I'm sure Sir Arthur would have been delighted. I know that I was!

1969

Roberty Downey, Jr. as Ralph Carr in "1969" an Atlantic release.

This is a front-heavy film. By that I mean that almost everything worthwhile comes in the first half-hour or so. After that. . .well, you might just as well leave as to have to suffer through the sappy, saccharine ending or the tedious, hackneyed scenes that lead up to it. But the beginning credits over period songs (1969, of course) and the fresh, breezy and hilariously funny scene of Robert Downey, Jr. and Kiefer Sutherland (who is definitely his father's son) hitchhiking home to be picked up by a lascivious gay man on the make, are damned near worth the price of admission.

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Then it continues on through a ''it's not my war — I don't care about it — it's bullshit'' period that still holds some merit, but as we lose the bright, crisp humor and the lads get separated (and can't play off one another), the film gets caught up in a tailspin that becomes irreversible. (Judging by the constant squeaking of the seats, I'm not the only one who is bored.) By the time we approach 1970, far more than just a decade is gone. Opens today citywide.

EVERYBODY'S ALL AMERICAN

This is a good movie that might have been great had director Taylor Hackford and editor Don Zimmerman given the audience a little more credit in the comprehension department and a little less film to have to sit through. Overkill is not a virture. The acting of the principals, Dennis Quaid, Timothy Hutton and Jessica Lange, certainly is (virtuous), however, and makes the film well worth seeing. There are some lovely, tender moments to contrast to the hard realities of an athlete growing out of his prime as his wife comes into hers. Learn to ignore its sermon and you'll enjoy this film.

CHILD'S PLAY

Chucky, a doll whose body has been inhabited with the sould of a psychotic mass murderer, practices voodoo on six-year-old Andy Barclay (Alex Vincent) in United Artists Pictures' ''Child's Play''.

Ever so un*adult-R-rated* garbage. The director's adaption of the screenplay is so cliche that the whole thing is shopworn from start to finish, and the moments that should be the scariest turn out to be funny instead. On the flip side, the photography, make-up and special effects are noteworthy.

SnapShots

Well, Weintraub made a liar out of me by postponing their opening of **French Horses**, starring Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy, today. Others also making thier Valley debut this day are **Obsessed**, a Canadian film with Kerrie Keane and Daniel Pilon, **Oliver & Company**, a cartoon version of the hit musical based on the Dickens novel, featuring the voices of Bette Midler, Billy Joel, Joey Laurence Dom DeLuise, Richard Mulligan and Cheech Marin, and **High Spirits**, a new comedy sporting the likes of Daryl Hannah, Peter O'Toole, Steve Guttenberg and Beverly d'Angelo.

Thanksgiving eve brings us Phil Collins and Julie Walters in **Buster**, Don Ameche, Steve Guttenberg, Maureen Stapleton, Elaine Stritch, Jessica Tandy and Gwen Verdon in **Cocoon, The Return**, and, in the holiday spirit, Bill Murray gets **Scrooged**, all begining Wednesday, November 23rd.

I hope that *your* Thanksgiving holiday is succulent, sentimental, and, above all, safe.

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Tucson Tid Bits

by Bill Finley

November seems to be a very busy month in Tucson. It started of with **Desert Leathermen**'s pre-Turkey Day Beer Bust at **IBT's** on Saturday afternoon, November 5th. There were new faces from San Diego and some friends from Phoenix who showed up. **TKO** held their monthly meeting at Gary T.'s that afternoon.

The **CAT Committee** softball benefit was held at Himmel Park Sunday afternoon, I understand that **Colette** and all the women who were there can show the men a thing or two.

On Sunday afternoon Desert Leathermen had their monthly meeting at **Bert** and **Ernie**'s. That evening **Partners** held their meeting at Gary L.'s and also had a surprise birthday party for the two Gary's. The meeting was finally cut short do to a surprie when **Mark** arrived with **Doug Cooper**, piano and sound equipment in hand. Doug entertained the two surprised birthday Gary's and Partners. During the evening a pot luck and cake were served.

The Arizona Fellowship held their meeting on November 12th at **Rumor Hazzit**. It seems the **Graduate** had a plumbing problem. They finalized the plans for the Arizona Fellowship '88 Run that will be held November 24th through 27th. The Run Fee is $30.00.

On November 24th check-in for Run Packets is at 4:00 p.m. at **M.C.C.-Tucson**, 560 S. Stone. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. hosted by **Great Outdoors** and **T-Squares**.

Schedule for November 25th is cocktails, 11:00 a.m. at M.C.C.-Tucson, hosted by **T.K.O.**; lunch is at 12:00 noon with games to follow hosted by **T.A.L.L.**; dinner, at 5:00 p.m. is hosted by Partners. From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. there will be a Bar Run to **Colette's West**.

On Saturday, November 26th, there will be No Host Cocktails at 11:00 a.m. at Rummor Hazzit. Lunch will be at noon followed by a scavenger hunt, both hosted by Desert Leathermen. Cocktails at 4:00 p.m. hosted by T.A.L.L., dinner at 5:00 p.m. hosted by T.K.L. The show that evening at the Graduate is being sponsored by T.K.O.

The Awards will be held at the Graduate on November 27th at 1:00 p.m. followed by luncheon at 2:00 p.m. sponsored by **S.O.S.**

Other upcoming evnets include Great Outdoors Pre-Fellowship Run with BBQ Bash at Gates Pass on November 19th starting at noon; fee $8.00; Partners Beer Bust at IBT's on November 19th, from 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, November 26th, T.A.L.L.'s CAT Committee Benefit.

Travel News Update

by David Starkman

THE HILTON PAVILION HOTEL in Mesa, Arizona has been sold at auction to Mutual of New York Financial Services for $21 million. The property's former owner filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 in February.

USAir HAS BEGUN daily non-stop service from Los Angeles to Kansas City and Phoenix. The LAX-Kansas City service departs at 11:45 a.m., arriving in Kansas City at 4:40 p.m. the return flight leaves at 4:20 p.m., arriving in Los Angeles at 5:48 p.m. An introductory round-trip fare of $150 is available through mid-December. The Burbank-Phoenix service departs at 6:50

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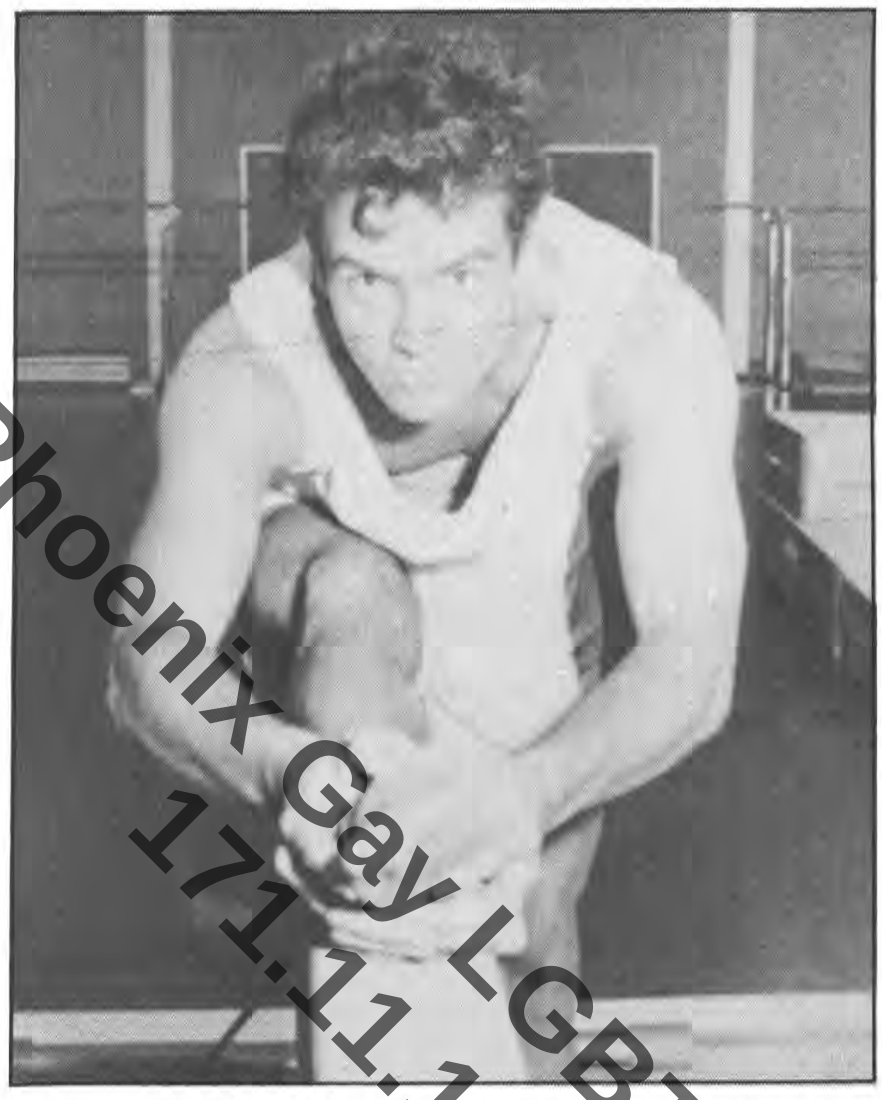

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THE SAN DIEGO Trolley to the Mexican border at San Ysidro operates every 15 minutes from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For a fare of $1.50, you can save yourself the hassle of getting special Mexican car insurance to drive into Baja California. Just climb aboard at the Santa Fe depot or any of the stops in downtown San Diego and head south to try a bullfight, jai alai games at the Fronton Palacio, bargaining for souveniers, or horse races at Agua Caliente. For details about the trolley, call 619/233-3004. For details about Tijuana call the state tourism office at 706/684-2173.

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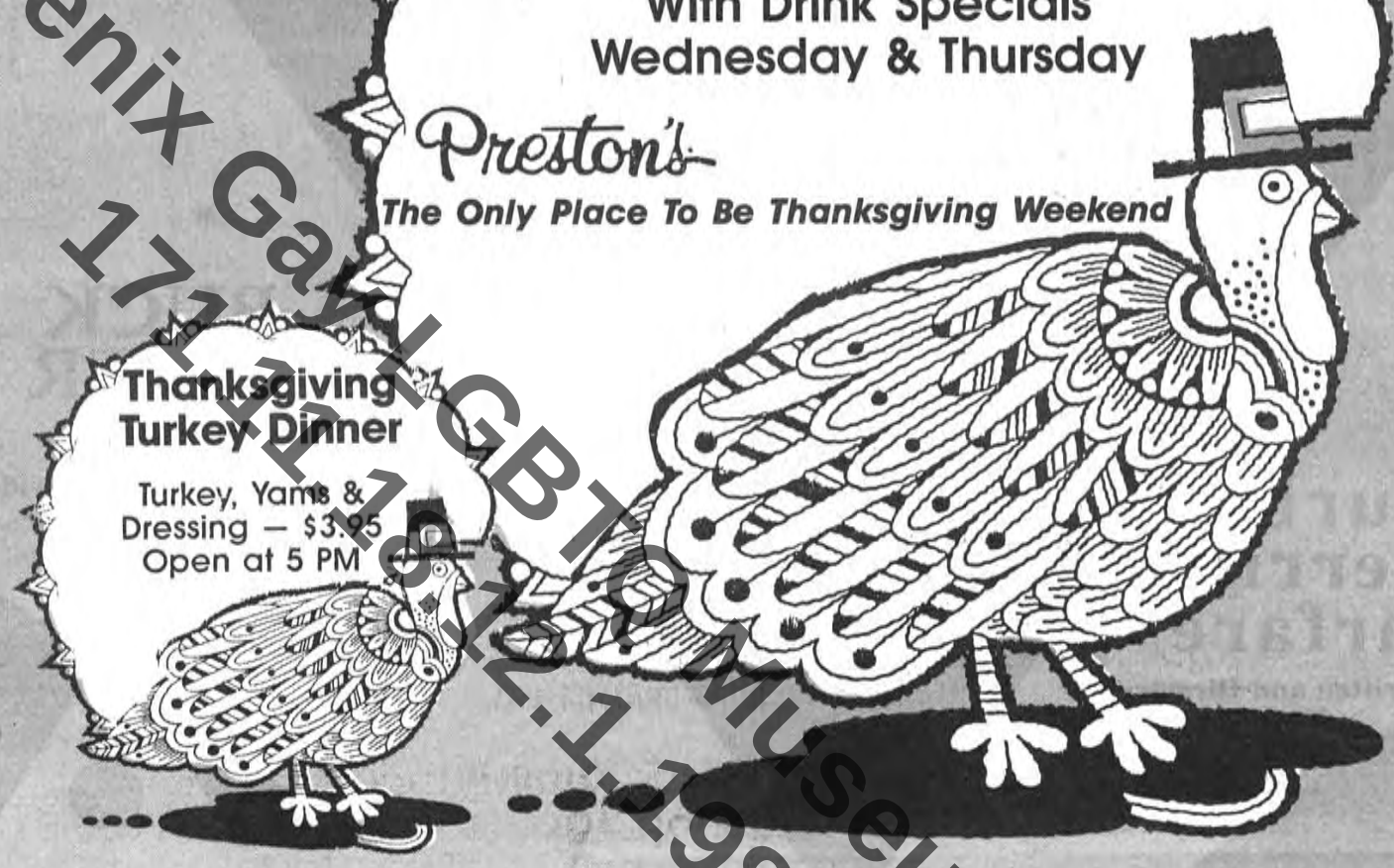

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Now "That's" Entertainment!!

Janus Theatre Co to Open 10th Anniversary Season

In its tradition of offering outstanding theatrical productions, Janus Theatre Company will open its Tenth Anniversary Season with three diverse one act plays billed as "A Night On Comedy Row".

Janus Theatre Company was formed in 1978 through he desire of Steve Schemmel and partner Bud Giles to see credible stage productions for the gay community. Neither presentations nor performers were to be necessarily gay, but the overall productions would be an effort of the gay community.

In the years since, and with over fifty productions under their belt, the company has developed national reknown highlighted four years ago with the national road premiere of the hit Broadway play *As Is*, a resounding hit for the local company. Janus is now the second oldest principally gay repertory theatre company in the country.

In the first production of the tenth anniversary season, each of the three one-act plays is directed by a different member of the company.

Buck Fever, written by Bill Bozone, directed by Shely Davidson, set in a small mountain cabin, finds two men, Ray and Ernie (Philip Lambiase and Scott Wyatt) confronted with the fact that their wives left them — for each other. The dealing with the situation creates more problems than the situation itself.

A Resounding Tinkle, a play that gives new meaning to the phrase 'failure to communicate', deals with the mundane daily duties of Bro and Middie Paradock (Gregry Foster and Kimberli Davis-Baker) until their new pet arrives. Naming the pet alone becomes a monumental task for the two.

Suburban Guerilla Warfare, Or 'Don't shoot the Welcome Wagon', makes us familiarly comfortable in the tidy little home of Stephen and Lean Carr (Gregory Daugherty and Kathryn Lange). This play brings you your favorite sitcom — in a new light!

Supporting cast include Constance LaCount, Ty Robbins, Kevin Gary Thomas Rose, Brad Pratt, Lucinda Blackwood, Thadeus A. Hopkins, Mia Q and the special vocal talents of Greg Lutz.

"A Night on Comedy Row" will be presented November 18 - 19, 25 - 26 and December 2 - 3 at the Janus Theatre Building. All curtains are at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $7.00 at FirsTravel, Humanspace Books or the box ofice. Reservations, 956-4940 or 265-1399. Janus Theatre Company is located at 3302 N. 7th Street, Phoenix.

"Hair" Returns To STIXX

P.L.T. cast of "Hair" in their previous performance at STIXX

Phoenix Little Theatre Company's hit production, *Hair*, hits the boards again at STIXX for one-night-only on Wednesday, November 23, Thanksgiving Eve, for one performance at 9:30 p.m. as a benefit for the Coalition of People With AIDS.

With a cast of over twenty professional singers — and some fun choreography — the audience is guaranteed a full evening of great entertainment. The music — and the audience is welcomed to hum and sing along — is classic and if you've never heard it live, now is the time. There will be auctions of art, merchandise and trips with the proceeds to the benefit.

This troupe played to a packed house in September and returns by special request from those who attended and those who missed. As a holiday presentation it is anticipated that the room will once again be full and early arrival for seating is advised.

Tickets, $5.00 to the benefit at the door.

"Dreamgirls" at Symphony Hall

Scene from "Dreamgirls"

When Broadway history is being made, you can feel it. Broadway history was made the night Michael Bennett's beautiful and heartbreaking musical *Dreamgirls* opened in New York.

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Dreamgirls comes to Symphony Hall December 9, 10 and 11. Tickets are available at Civic Plaza Box Office and all Dillard's Ticket Outlets.

Phoenix Little Theatre Presents "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

The Scene: the snow surrounded suburban estate of a potential angel for a new musical.

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The Time: 1940.

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The Result: dead bodies, a blizzard of mayhem, inexhaustible suspects and a sidesplitting comedy.

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(Left to right) Geoff Middleton, Tommy Dean and Amy DeMichele in Phoenix Little Theatre's production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940".

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P.L.T. does it again with another top presentation in its series for the season. Produced by Tom Oldendick, directed by Mark DeMichele and sets by Thom Gilseth, this promises from that list alone to be a great prudiction.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 at P.L.T. November 17 - 19, 22 -23, 29 - 30, December 1 - 4. All performance times are at 8:00 p.m. except the matinee on November 27 which begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $11.00 and $13.00 and can be purchased at the P.L.T. Box Office, 25 E. Coronado Road, 254-2151.

The Doug Cooper Show Returns To Wink's

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Comeling And Ballet Arizona To Present "Nutcracker"

The *Nutcracker*, a holiday favorite for all ages, will be performed by Ballet Arizona at Gammage Center, December 6 [illegible] and at Phoenix Symphony Hall December 20 - 29.

Ballet Arizona and Artistic Director Jean Paul Comelin bring to life the *Nutcracker*. This production in a few short seasons has become a part of everyone's holiday tradition. Comelin, by using a child's vivid imagination, portrays an exciting an innovate version of E.T.A. Hoffman's classic story.

Featured in the *Nutcracker* will be Isabelle Boutot, Donald Dadey, Judith Holme and Christine Spizzo.

Ballet Arizona will present 26 performances of the *Nutcracker* at Gammage Center in Tempe at 7:00 p.m., with matinees on December 10 and 11 at 2:00 p.m., at the Tucson Community Center Music Hll December 15 - 17 at 7:30 p.m., and matinees on the 17 - 18 at 2:00 p.m. Phoenix Symphony Hall performances will be Deceamber 20 - 23, 26 - 28 at 7:30 p.m. and matainees on 23, 26 - 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at all Dillard's outlets for $18.00, $15.00 and $12.00; they may be charged by phone by calling 829-5555 in Phoenix or 791-4836 in Tucson.

Phoenix Symphony Performs Premiere Work

Paul Zukofsky

Master violinist Paul Zukofsky will join with The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra on November 18 for the premiere of Philip Glass' "Violin Concerto", under the baton of Maestro Theo Alcantara.

The work is dedicated to Zukofsky by his longtime friend, Glass. Zukofsky is considered a leading performer of American violin music and in addition is director of Chamber Music at The Julliard School.

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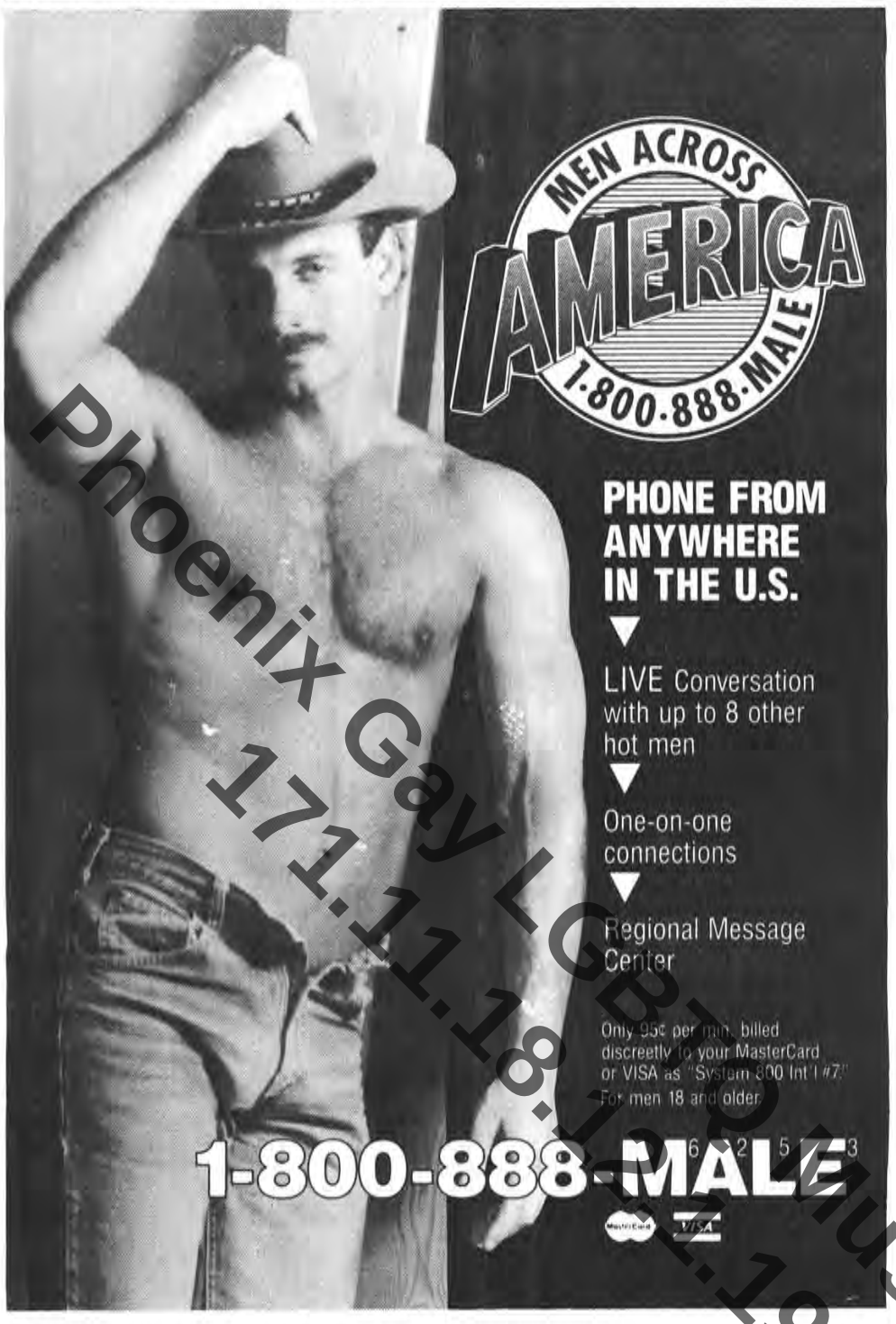

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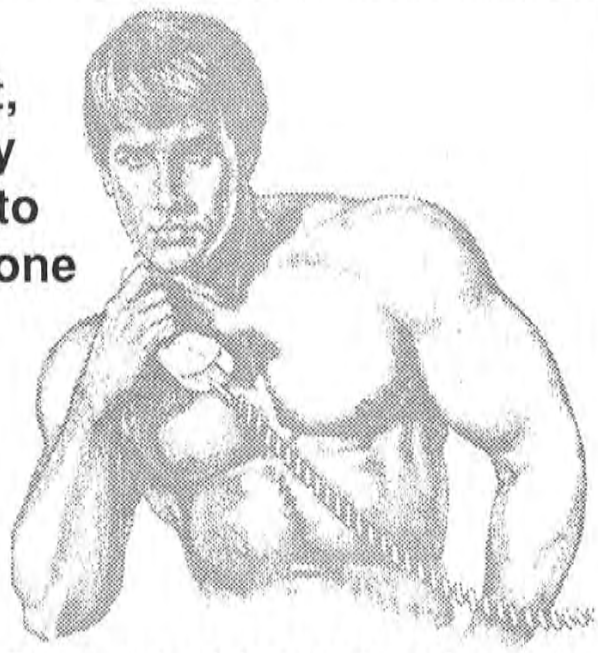

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"Oklahoma" Opens Musical Theatre's 5th Season

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Creating this fresh and exhuberant production are some of the biggest artistic talents in the Valley including Stage Director Michael Lancy, Choreographer Diane Smolen, Musical Director, Jerry Harkey and Costumer, Esther Turner.

Oklahoma runs at Gammage Thursday through Saturday, November 17, 18 and 19 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Matinees are Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

For ticket information call the Gammage Box Office at 965-3434, or Dillard's Ticket Outlets at 267-1246. Tickets are $18 and $20.

On The Job In Hong Kong —

Part One of Two Parts

The Notorious Case of Police Inspector John MacLennan

by Arthur Lazere

On January 15, 1980 Inspector John MacLennan of the Hong Kong police force was found dead in his flat with five gun shot wounds in his ches and spleen.

The MacLennan case is significant to understanding the position of gay people in the British royal crown colony of Hong Kong. The details of the case provide a startling example of the unconscionable invasion of privacy which results from sodomy laws. The developments that have fllowed the case are an indictment of the cowardice of an appointed colonial government.

A commission of inquiry, itself appointed by the governor, concluded a year and a half later the event that MacLennan's death was a suicide. But doubts linger. John Conway, a Scotland Yard forensic expert with forty years of police experience, insists that the case was a government cover-up. A liberal member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, Mrs. Elsie Elliott, produced a counter-report critical of the commission's report.

And despite the detailed rationale in the commission report explaining how it is possible for five shots in the chest to be a suicide, many experienced police officers say that suicide is highly unlikely under such circmstances.

In China, there are no laws against homosexuality or homosexual acts. Only with the advent of British colonial rule in the nineteenth century was Hong Kong saddled with the existing baggage of English law under which homosexual acts were criminal. Although British law changed in 1967, decrimilaziaing homosexual acts in private between consenting adults, reform has not reached Hong Kong where sodomy is still punishable by a maximum of life imprisonment. Homosexuals are also barred from working in the Hong Kong civil service.

MacLennan, 29 at his death, joined the Hong Kong police force in 1973. According to the commission report, his friends described hims as a "man's man", a disciplinarian, and extremely honest. Two of his police collegaues described him as a "womanizer."

The evidence indicates also that MacLennan engaged in homosexual activities, including contacts with a number of male prostitutes. The homophobia of the commission inquiry is denomstrated by a statement in the report by commissioner T.L. Yang:

"MacLennan was a man who led two separate lives: while he led a life of high personal values and principals in front of his friends and in the couse of his constabluary duties, he also led a secret life that was not only against the law as laid down in Hong Kong, but also against the high moral code that he outwardly prosessed."

In July, 1978, MacLennan allegedly made sexual advances on one David Lau that was just under 18 years of age. While

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the record does not indicate that Lau ever filed a complaint, he did mention the incident to a friend whose father was an ex-police sergeant. The case entered into police bureaucracy and worked its way up through the chain of command. At the lower levels, all concluded that there were no grounds for dismissal. But, in late October, one district police commissioner recommended that MacLennan's contract be terminated.

On November 20, MacLennan was given notice and told why. He protested his innocence and asked for a trial or disciplinary action. He also sought outside political assistance. By November 30, he was told that he was to be reinstated.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Elliot had become involved. Because MacLennan, in the course of his duties, had seen police files with names of senior police officers who were allegedly homosexual, Mrs. Elliot hinted at a frame-up.

On December 1, MacLennan was told by a personnel officer, a Mr. Blackburn, that "he had been disloyal for seeking help from outside the police force." He was put on warning and given the impression tht his career was in jeaopard.

In that summer of 1978, the Hong Kong police department had established a Secial Investigation Unit (SIU), which deals exclusively with homosexuality. One local lesbian refers to it with disdain as the "peeping Tom squad."

The SIU was initially established to deal with a specific case unrelated to the MacLennan case. In December of 1978, however, Blackburn asked the SIU to look into MacLennan's activities. In February, 1979 the chief inspector reported "a negative finding on MacLennan," which is to say, they hadn't any evidence at all at that time.

Nonetheless, the SIU kpet its MacLennan file open with "minor information about about MacLennan's frequenting homosexual bars and being seen with male prostitutes." In September and October of 1979 two senior members of the SIU put pressure on anohter police officer, Fulton, "to get a homoesxual friend to test if there was to be a homosexual act, to see if MacLennan would take the bait." The officer refused to cooperate.

The commission report here indulges in an extraordinary bit of hair-splitting to justify this blatant attempt atentrapment: I am satisified that Fulton was instructed to introduce a homosexal friend of is to MacLennan for the purpose of trying to assessl he reactions, and to see what subsequentl hapened, whether MacLennan was a homosexual or not. In other words, I do not accept the suggestion that Fulton was asked to introduce his homosexual to *incite* or *entice* [italics his] MacLennan into committing any homosexual act."

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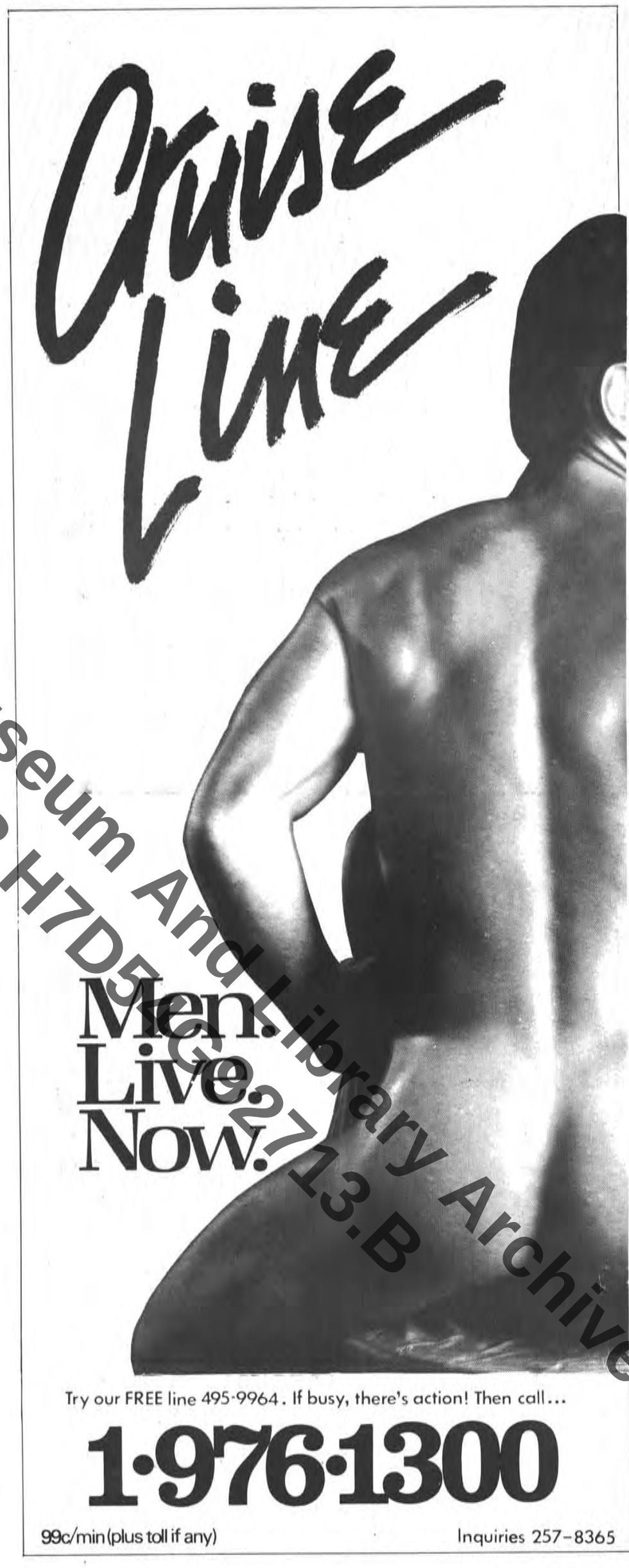
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Illustration from the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Inspector MacLennan's Case — 1981.

possible for five shots in the chest to be a suicide, many experienced police officers say that suicide is highly unlikely under such circmstances.

In China, there are no laws against homosexuality or homosexual acts. Only with the advent of British colonial rule in the nineteenth century was Hong Kong saddled with the existing baggage of English law under which homosexual acts were criminal. Although British law changed in 1967, decrimilaziaing homosexual acts in privat between consenting adults, reforms has not reached Hong Kong where sodomy is still punishable by a maximum f life imprisonment. Homosexuals are also barred from working in the Hong Kong civil service.

MacLennan, 29 at his death, joined the Hong Kong police force in 1973. According to the commission report, his friends described hims as a ''man's man'', a disciplinarian, and extremely honest. Two of his police collegaues described him as a ''womanizer.''

The evidence indicates also that MacLennan engaged in homosexual activities, including contacts with a number of male prostitutes. The homophobia of the commission inquiry is demonstrated by a statement in the report by commissioner T.L. Yang:

''MacLennan was a man who led two separate lives: while he led a life of high personal values and principals in front of his friends and in the couse of his constablulary duties, he also let a secret life that was not only against the law as laid down in Hong Kong, but also against the high moral code that he outwardly prosessed.''

In July, 1978, MacLennan allegedly made sexual advances on one David Lau that was just under 18 years of age. While the record does not indicate that Lau ever filed a complaint, he did mention the incident to a friend whose father was an ex-police sergeant. The case entered into police bureaucracy and worked its way up through the chain of command. At the lower levels, all concluded that there were no grounds for dismissal. But, in late October, one district police commissioner recommended tht MacLennan's contract be terminated.

Subsequently, the unrelenting SIU bribed and threatened a male prostitute who named MacLennan and a number of other male prostitutes who admitted to sexual contacts with MacLennan. MacLennan was scheduled to be arrested on January 15, charged with eight counts of gross indecency. He ws told to appear for an SIU interview. When he didn't show up for the ''interview,'' and SIU arresting party went to his flat where they found him dead.

The transcraipt of the evidence in the MacLennan case runs to 13,000 pages. There are enough subplots to people a dozen Verdi operas. Even the commission of inquiry concludes that there were numerous incidences of misbehaviour by the police and government authorities. although the tone tends to minimize these, while bolstering the conclusion of suicide — a conclusion that the jury of the coroner's inquest had been unble to reach.

There is no way that the isse of suicide of murder can be resolved here. In either case a vital, valuable human life was violently snuffed out. MacLennan may have committed suicide because the authorities knew too much about his private life. Mac Lennan may have been murdered becaue he knew too much about the private lives of other powerful people. Under either scenarios, an antiquated sodomy law created the conditions that encouraged police snooping into private lives, bribery, threats, and ultimately, MacLennan's death.

In controvrsy around the MacLennan case led the government to refer to its standing Law Reform Commission (appointed by the governor) the question of possible change in the soldomy law. A subcommittee to study the matter was formed in 1980. Asked recently if any openly gay people were appointed to the subcommittee, a government information officer answered with surprise, ''don't think the question was posed.''

Even as the subcommittee went about its lengtly study, it was revealed in early 1982 that a top secret circular was sent to heads of government deparments instructing them to report the names of homosexuals in the civil service, both male and female. (Lesbianism is not illegal under Hong Kong law.)

In response to the perceived threat of a witch hunt, the civil liberties unions objected. Mrs. Elliott was quoted in the *Hong Kong Standard* saying that the only ones to benefit from such a policy would be criminal elements who are unable to blackmail homosexuals because of the law. The government, in turn, ''made clear that [they] would make use of this law as long as it ws left on the statute book.''

In June 1983, the Law Reform Commission finally released its 200 page report, recommending decriminaliztion of homosexual acts between consenting adults. It then fell to the government to take the required steps for changing the law. The government's silence has been profound. In contrast, the fundamentalist Christian churches in Hong Kong have not been silent and the conservative Chinese commnity has been outspoken against reform.

The question was raised in Britain's House of Commons in March, 1984, when a member of parliament asked the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs what

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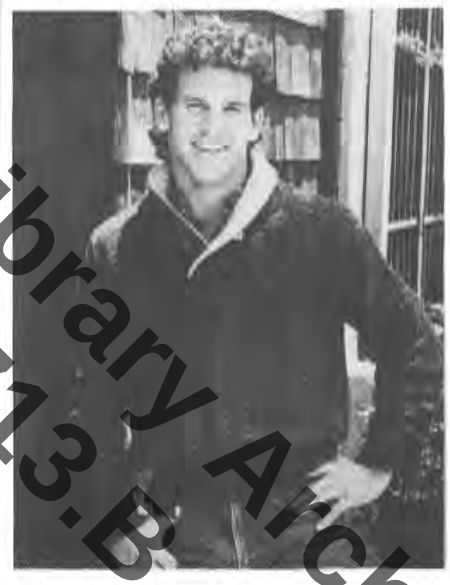

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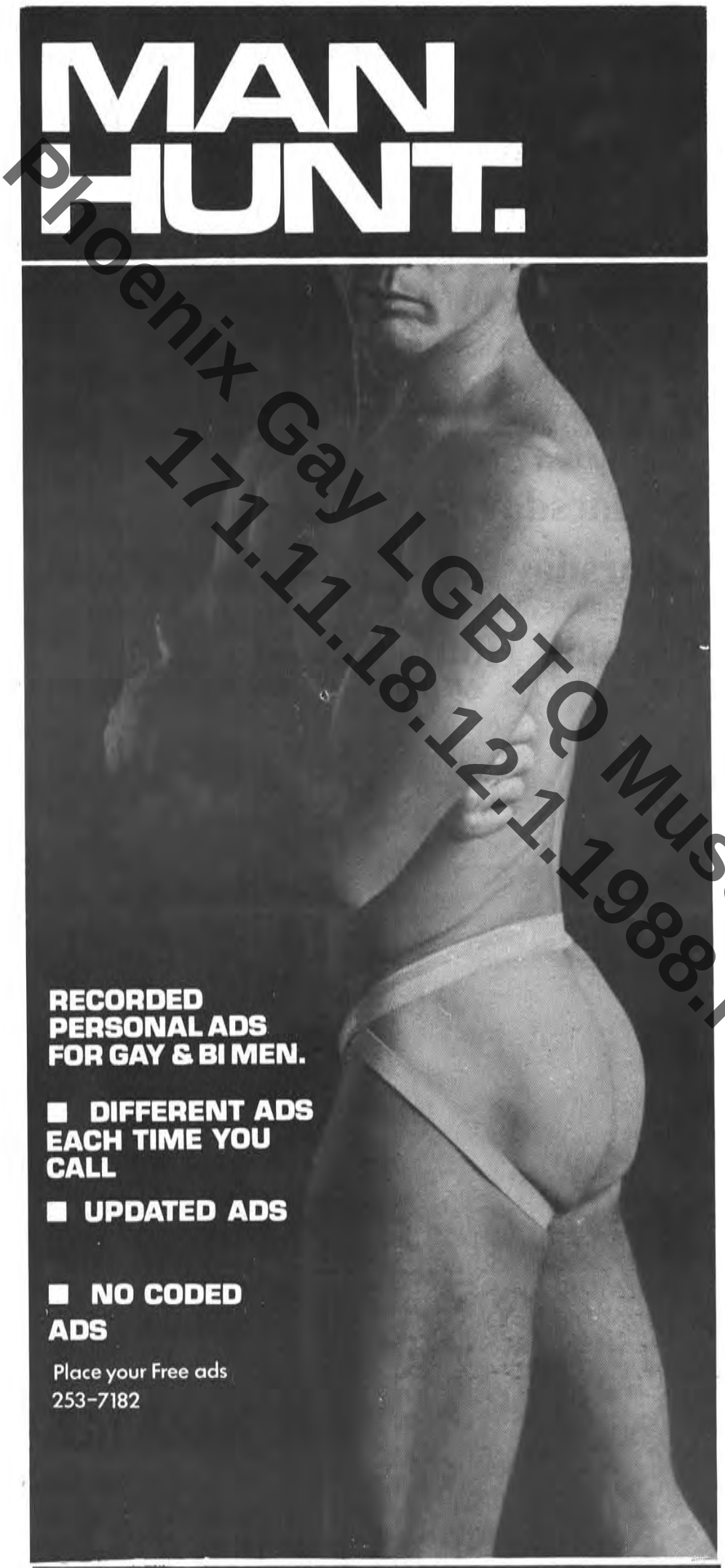

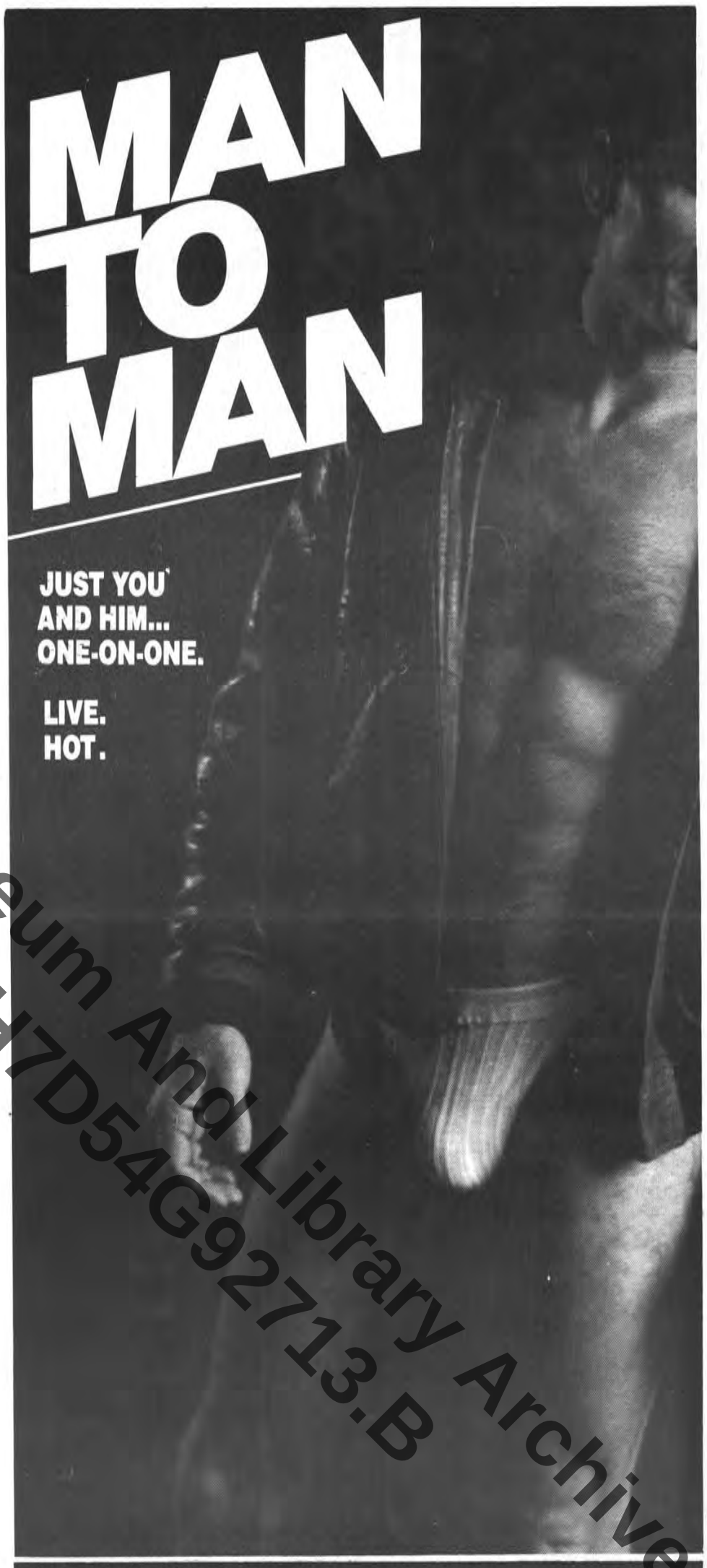

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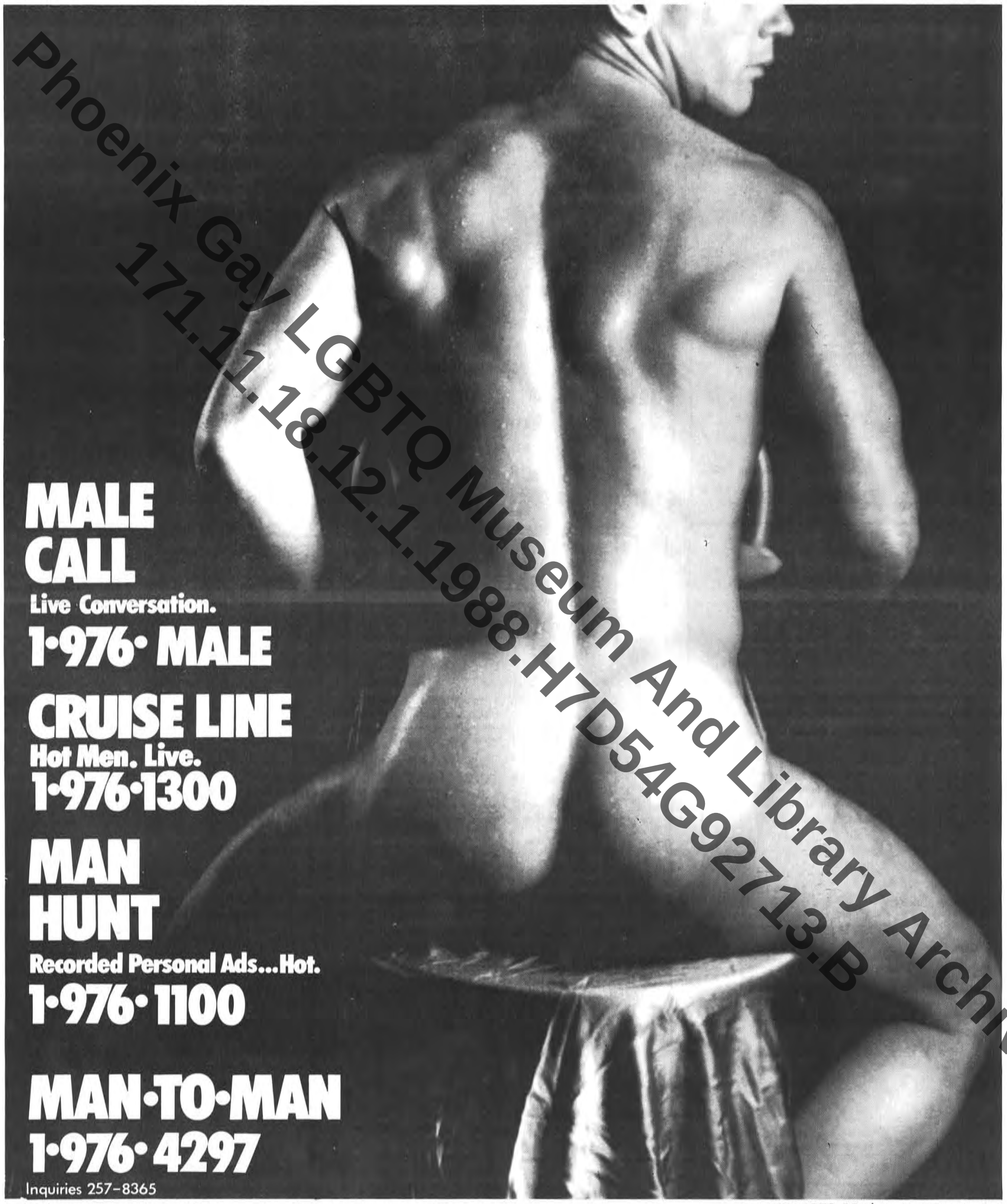

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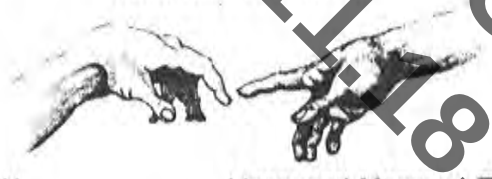

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plans the Hong Kong government has to implement the Law Reform Commission recommendations, as well as the government policy banning homosexuals from the civil service. The response was that the matters were "still under consideration."

On January 30, 1985, the SIU, still going strong five years after the death of inspector MacLennan, raided the Dateline, a gay bar. All Hong Kong residents are legally required to carry government-issued ID cards and to produce the card when asked to do so by a police officer. Although the police used the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance as an excuse for entering the bar, no search for drugs was made. Patrons of the bar, however, were made to produce thier I.D. cards, and were asked if they were married, how often they came to the bar, who first introduced them to the bar, and "Do you know any queer civil servants?"

According to gays in Hong Kong, police harrassment of gays has been commonplace for years, but is rarely reported in the press.

In October, 1985, the governor, Sir Edward Youde, was asked why it was taking so long for the government to act on the Law Reform Commission recommendations. "With a subject of such sensitivity as this," he responded, "it is better to have a longer period of consultation, rather than rush it."

In late 1987, asked to comment on the five year dealy in implementing reform, the Assstant Secretary for Security, Bart Ireland, responded, "It is simply that they up to now have had other things to work on.

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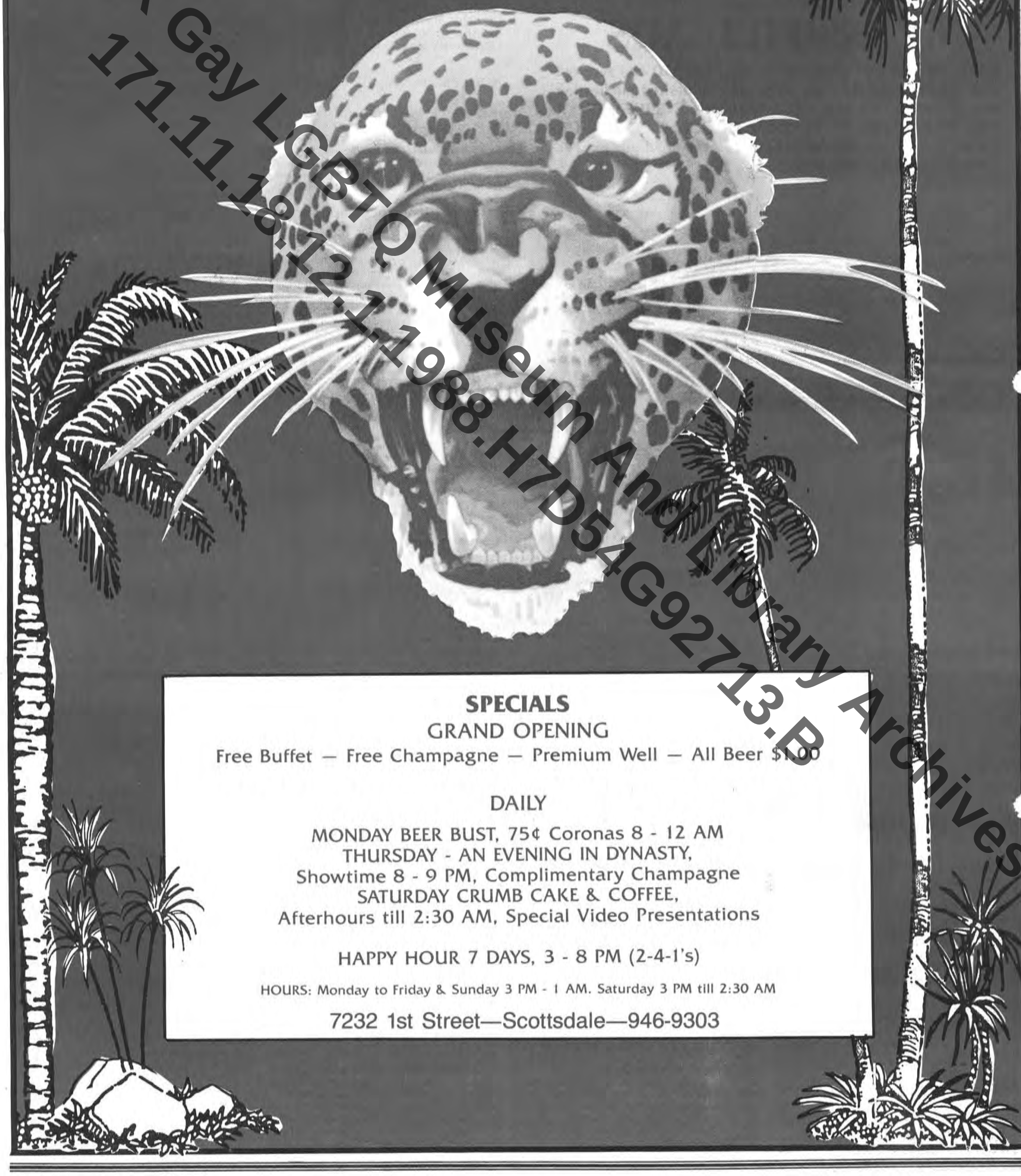

SPECIALS

GRAND OPENING

Free Buffet — Free Champagne — Premium Well — All Beer $1.00

DAILY

MONDAY BEER BUST, 75¢ Coronas 8 - 12 AM
THURSDAY - AN EVENING IN DYNASTY,
Showtime 8 - 9 PM, Complimentary Champagne
SATURDAY CRUMB CAKE & COFFEE,
Afterhours till 2:30 AM, Special Video Presentations

HAPPY HOUR 7 DAYS, 3 - 8 PM (2-4-1's)

HOURS: Monday to Friday & Sunday 3 PM - 1 AM. Saturday 3 PM till 2:30 AM

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