## Scandal recalls British politician's downfall'

AT THE MOVIES

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SCANDAL: This is the story of the Christine Keeler affair that ruined British minister John Profumo and brought down Harold Macmillan's Conservative government back in 1963 Scandal is a beautifully acted tale of the decadent ways of the British aristocracy, with their orgies and cruises into sin city

Joanne Walley-Kilmer stars as the shamefully young Keeler, who loses what Hittle naivete she has very quickly. Picked up by admiring doctor Stephen .Ward (John Hurt in a devastating per formance), she is introduced into · high society, where she proves to be a rather popular girl. Ward. whose affections and motives are somewhat odd. (he never makes love to Keeler, although they live together - he seems to be a perverted Pygmalion), encourages her relationship with Profumo

Soon Keeler's wild ways get her in trouble (The Fine Young Cannibals' Roland Gift plays a lover who takes a public revenge on her) and Ward, the scapegoat, goes on trial for pimping. Ward is destroyed, Keeler ruined, and only young Mandy Rice-Davies (Bridget Fonda, Peter's daughter) comes out on top.

Scandal is a fascinating, sexy film, although it is somewhat uneven at times, a little slow here and there. The acting is excellent, with Ian Mckellan solid as the benighted Profumo. But it is John Hurt who holds our attention; the man is vulnerable while being seedy and sinister at the same time. A really good movie about a fascinating period.

POW WOW HIGHWAY: This is a delightful little film about (native) Indians, about discovering the roots of Indian culture, about myth and modern times. Gary Farmer plays Francis, a huge, sweet, and somewhat simple man, who buys a wrecked car, his 'pony', and is dragged by his friend Buddy Red Deer (A. Martinez) into a cross country trip to New Mexico to rescue Buddy's sister Bonnie from

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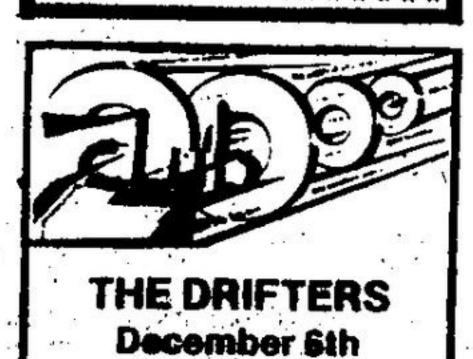
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Buddy is bright and wired. rebellious and ambitious for his people. He is determined to fight the villainous corporation trying to destroy the reservation, while Francis is out to discover his roots, his culture his 'tokens' The trip is a constant struggle between the two men, with Buddy impatient as Francis makes them stop at historic and magical locations, at pow-wows and other cultural draws. Eventually Buddy is drawn into Francis' quest, and starts to respect his large friend.

The rescue of Bonnie is nothing short of brilliant, in the most simple way. Francis proves to be an unlikely hero; most of all he is a lucky one. This is a sweet-natured film, funny and touching; it has a lot of say about a people so shamefully neglected. The soundtrack is terrific, with Robbie Robertson providing some of his songs from his solo album Pow Wow Highway has been compared to Rain Man, and rightly so. But Highway is the better of the two smaller, wiser, and tighter.

TAPELIEADS: This is a silly lit tle comedy about two losers (John Cusack and Tim Robbins who make it big in the rock video business. Nothing serious or notable going on here, but it is a pretty funny movie, with lots of yuks for the intrepid viewers who can find it. Well worth the rental, and it is available in town.



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## Film explores "Justice Denied"



Eighteen years ago, on a foggy night in Sydney, N.S., a teenager was stabbed to death. Another teenager, a 17-year-old Micmac Indian, was charged, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment

Eleven yet , later, Donald Marshall Jr. was released. The real murderer had beefi apprehended.

The Marshall case, which has sparked much acrimony as well as much soul searching, is retold in Justice Denied, a movie based on journalist Michael Harris' book of the same name. The National Film Board production airs Nov. 19 on CBC-TV.

Justice Denied tells how this miscarriage of justice occurred why an innocent man spent 11 years behind bars. Writer and director Paul Cowan focuses on the events between the night of the murder and Marshall's release in

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ing Justice Denied. said Cowan, "was not in changing anything, but in making what actually happened believable."

Billy Merasty, a Cree from the Brochet Reserve in northern Manitoba, portrays Marshall.

CTV, once again, is showcasing some of Canada's rising talent.

Sensations, a musical/comedy special Nov. 18, offers Vancouver's Barney Bentall and the Legendary Hearts (1989 Juno winner for most promising group), Toronto pop singer Alannah Myles and country and western singer Lori Yates.

Also' taking to the stage will be Brighton Rock, Jack De Keyzer and the Touchstones and comedy trio Corky and the Juice Pigs.

Jim Cuddy and Greg Keelor of Blue Rodeo and Rompin' Ronnie Hawkins are among the special guest stars. David Foster is the

Perry Mason is delving into the hockey world.

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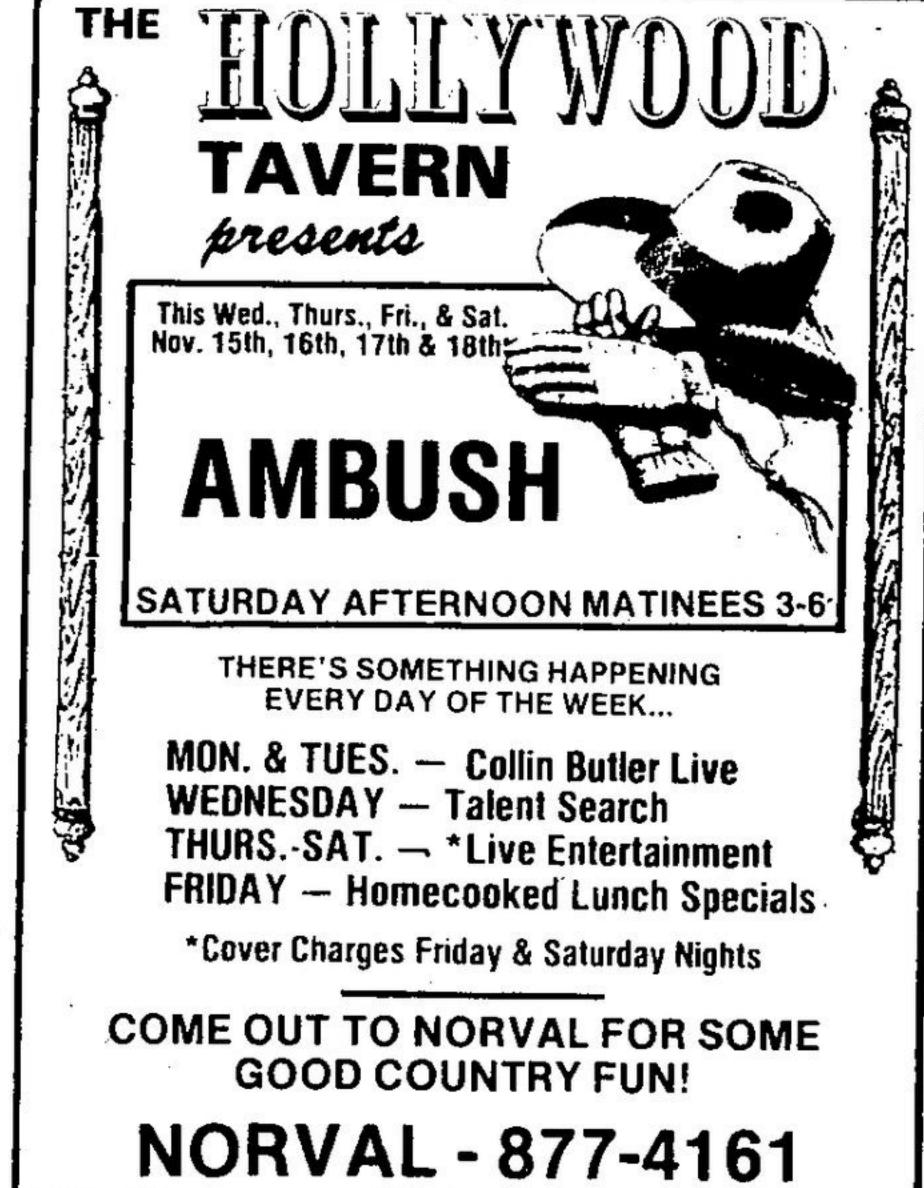
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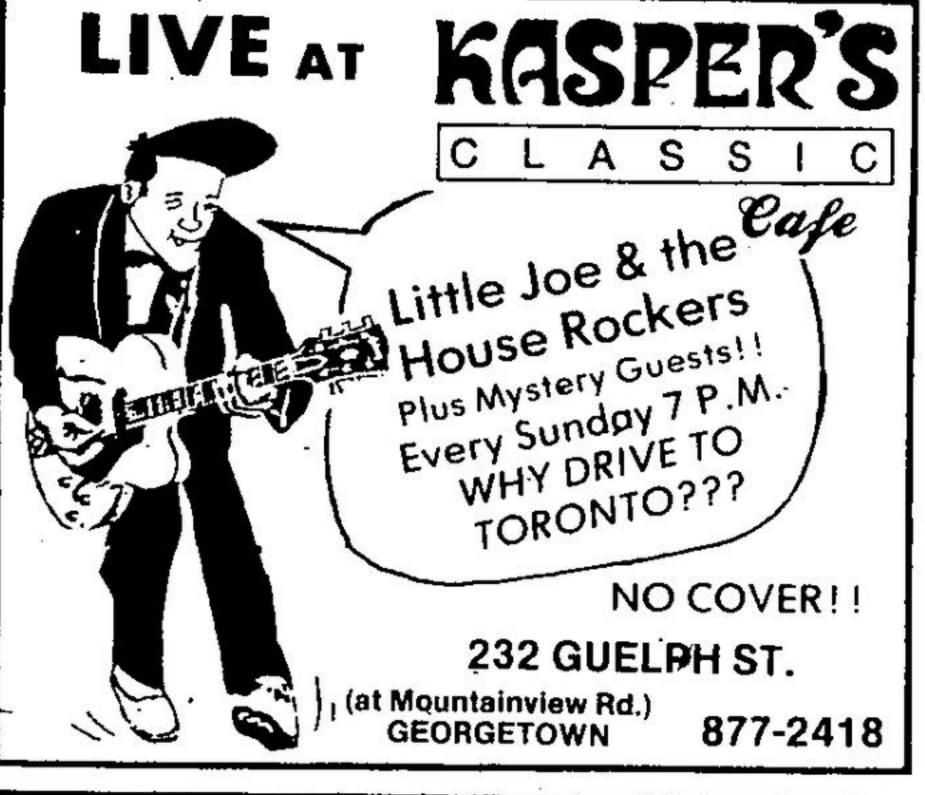
The cast for Perry Mason: The Case of the All-Star Assassin also includes Bruce Greenwood, Pernell Roberts and Deardre Hall.

Till We Meet Again, a two-part miniseries based on Judith Krantz's novel of romance, adventure and family betrayal, will be broadcast Nov. 19 and Nov. 21 by CTV.

Lucy Gutteridge. Courtney Cox (Family Ties) and Mia Sera play the three women; Bruce Boxleitner, Barry Bostwick and Michael York portray the men the de Lancil women become involved with Hugh Grant plays Hugo de Lancil, the hatred-filled stepson.

New Kids On The Block are not new kids at the bank. The group's Hanging Tough album has passed the 300,000 level while Merry Merry Christmas has been certified as a platinum album (100,000 sales) And the Hanging Tough single has been certified as a gold Mason (Raymond Burr) is called record by the Canadian Recording Association









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