

# TV stars co-host parade

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CBS will renew it for a fifth season. "It's on Fridays now and our audience hasn't really quite found us. Mondays were very successful. But we're just now warming up to the Friday night crowd."

"Scarcecrow and Mrs. King" is ranked 44th among prime-time shows for the fall season, according to A.C. Nielsen, a ratings company. For the week of Nov. 17-23, it ranked 32nd.

EVEN IF "Scarcecrow and Mrs. King" is cancelled, Smith hopes to hook up with another TV show. "I'd love to do a half-hour comedy show."

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, Smith will guest star on "Mike Hammer" on Channel 2. "I'll play a real vulnerable girl — a mobster's girlfriend and secretary who gets beaten up. Then Mike comes along and saves the day. He's the true hero

— rescuing me and solving the crime."

The role was a nice change because she "usually plays strong, professional women," Smith said.

After graduating from high school, Smith attended Michigan State University intent on earning a degree in psychology while working as an assistant to a psychiatrist at Northville State Hospital during the summer.

But her other interests soon intervened. She was introduced to modeling at 15 and later toured with the Auto Show. Acting captured her fancy during filmmaking classes at MSU.

Her older sister, Susan, a former model-clothing designer now living in the San Fernando Valley, also encouraged Martha to head west. Both quickly learned the road to opportunity ran through Hollywood.

"In Los Angeles, I met people quickly," Martha remembered.

"That landed me a small part in a small film, which got me an agent. Things got rolling quickly. Things happened fast. It seemed so easy. I didn't start paying my dues until later."

MARTHA TALKS not only about the long, demanding hours associated with prime-time television, but also its rewards. "She seems to thrive on hard work," her father said.

Smith graduated from North Farmington two years after another television celebrity, Pam Dawber, who co-starred in "Mork and Mindy" and who now stars in "My Sister Sam."

"They knew each other in high school," Martha's mother said. "In Hollywood, they run into each other from time to time. But they don't socialize together."

## 3-year union contract ratified

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THE BOARD planned to consider contract ratification, even before the union if necessary, because the district wanted to insure retroactive pay could be put into employees holiday paychecks, Lewis added.

Agreement was reached sooner in this contract than in the last one, which was ratified in January 1984 and ran from June 6, 1983, to June 6, 1986.

During a June 1985 contract re-

opener, 200 employees received a 5 1/2 percent wage increase for the 1985-86 school year.

The CMC-MESPA has represented custodial, maintenance and food service workers since 1984. They were previously represented by AFSCME, the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees.

Three additional collective bargaining contracts with Farmington Public Schools expire this July, including teachers represented by the

Farmington Education Association, secretaries and teacher aides represented by the MESPA, and the district's administrators represented by the Farmington Association of School Administrators.

Teachers and administrators will end 2-year contracts while secretaries and teacher aides end a 3-year agreement with the school district.

The district's bus drivers ratified a new 2-year contract in May 1985 which runs from July 1985 to July 1987.

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