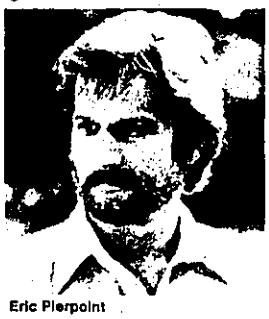
LET'S TALK

Eric Pierpoint's youth spent accompanying journalist dad

By Polly Vonetes

Q: ***I am fascinated by the young actor, Eric Pierpoint who plays George in*** Allen Nation. ***How did he get started in show business? Is he married?—Vivian Pollard, Lenox, Iowa***

A: Eric Pierpoint was born in Redlands, Calif., Nov. 18, 1944. Growing up as the son of CBS correspondent Robert Pierpoint, Eric has wonderfully jaded memories of flying on the presidential press plane in the 1960s, his dad's typewriter in tow. Traveling with those many salty press corps characters perhaps prepared him for his many travels in theater. He attended the Landon School and Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md., excelling at soccer and tennis. But by the end of his college days at the University of Redlands and Catholic University, he knew an athletic career wasn't in his future. So he "shifted to theater as a means of expression." During the 1977-78 theatrical season, a year he considers to be "the biggest influence" on his career, Eric joined up with the National Players touring company to take classical theater on the road, dropping Shakespeare into towns around the States. He was married once, but at present has no immediate family. His TV credits include a recurring role on *Hill Street Blues*, a series regular part on *Fame*, a starring role in the series *Hot Pursuit*, and starring roles in Bud Greenspan's documentaries on the 1932 and '36 Olympics.



Eric Pierpoint

Q: ***I am looking for a movie I saw on TV three years ago. It is called*** Nadia ***and stars Talia Balsom and Joe Bennett. It's a drama based on the life of Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci. I cannot find this video at any movie outlet. Can you give me any information as to where I could purchase this? And why is it never shown on TV again? —Phyllis Gaither, Prescott, Ariz.***

A: The film *Nadia* you have inquired about was released in syndication in June of 1984. A British-Yugoslavian co-production, it was distributed by the Tribune Entertainment Co. You can write to MPI Home Video, 15824 Rob Roy Drive, Oak Forest, IL 60452, or call toll free at 800-323-0442 to inquire if a video tape is available.

Q: ***Your article appears in the Gig Harbor, Washington Gateway and is great. I'm a songwriter, with over 20 years of backlog, and am attempting to find the ex-Beatle Paul McCartney's home or business address. You seem to know about everything, can you get this for me? —Bill Johnson, Pt. Orchard, Wash.***

A: Well, I don't know about knowing everything, but I do have some good sources for information. I am told you can contact Paul McCartney by writing his public relations firm: Rogers & Cowan, 10000 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Send your questions about the world of entertainment to: Polly Vonetes, Let's Talk, P.O. Box 17748, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0748. Because of the volume of mail, only questions of general interest can be answered.

FAMILY FARE

'Andy Griffith Show' reunion airs on TBS

By Amy Schmidt

Oh boy! Members of "*The Andy Griffith Show* Rerun Watchers Club," and "The Andy Griffith Appreciation Society" comprise the studio audience for the special, *30 Years Of Andy: A Mayberry Reunion*, airing on TBS Wednesday, Oct. 3.

On that date in 1960, the very first episode of *The Andy Griffith Show* delighted television audiences. The TBS special will consist of one hour of air time for each decade since the show's debut, for a whopping total of three hours. Don Knotts will host as celebrities who guest-starred on the show, Mayberry trivia questions and five episodes are featured.

In the first episode, "The New Housekeeper," Aunt Bee (Frances Bavier) comes to live with the Taylors but she first has to win Opie's (Ron Howard) acceptance.

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