

# Cable Comments

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ercise description (treatment) of your mission in paragraph format will be requested. Underlying video documentation explaining the type of shoot, location, technical considerations and on-location needs for production ease of use, as well as appropriate contacts and releases for each site. Talent or written published works also to include anticipated crew positions. A contract which recognizes the grantor and grantees' expectations and responsibilities will be issued. An itemized budget and any necessary auxiliary invoices will be insisted upon.

Organizations may have a deadline for submission and a

reviewing committee. Submission is not an implied assurance that you will receive the grant. Community Television's criteria is frequently focused around the intent to encourage diversity in public, educational and governmental community access programming via a cable network.

Along with the formal grant requests, resident producers should enthusiastically remember the great opportunity their program is to local and small businesses. If a business supplies your show with props, set materials, hairdressing, clothing, art supplies, etc. without monetary compensation, then their name and general location may be listed in the credits of the show. If they are financially un-

derwriting portions or the all of your program then a sponsorship message with their name recognized may also be listed in the closing credits or at a break.

All and all the experience of pursuing grants or underwriting of any kind for your show is an exhilarating opportunity. Everyone who begins developing an idea for a television show is full of idealism and joyous anticipation. Talking about the process of the show to be produced feeds the momentum and the desire to follow through which burns up a tremendous amount of energy and time. Including others will help emphasize ones purpose as well as reinforce the assurance that your show will be the best it can be.

We congratulate Jill Turley and Fran McClellan on their new idea. We look forward to seeing your programs!

## LET'S TALK

### John LeMay took a bit of home with him on 'Friday the 13th'

By Polly Vometes

**Q:** My family and I are regular watchers of Friday the 13th, the Series. We were really disappointed when the show was canceled. We still watch the reruns. Could you give me some information on John LeMay? When he left, the show was never the same. I noticed he wore a shirt with "Illinois" printed across it. Is that where he's from? —Becky Wayman, Benton, Ill.

**A:** John LeMay was born in Minnesota and raised in Normal, Ill. Determined to have a career in the arts, he majored in music, theater and dance at Illinois State. He spent his senior year interning at the Theatre Building in Chicago, then continued his studies at the Fine Arts School of Dance. Los Angeles became his new home when he flew there to audition for a movie role. Though he didn't get the role, he decided to stay and quickly landed parts in national commercials and a role in *Couch Trip* starring Walter Matthau. *Friday the 13th: The Series* was LeMay's first starring role on television, having previously appeared in episodes of *Highway to Heaven*, *My Sister Sam*, *The Twilight Zone*, *The Facts of Life* and *Remington Steele*.



John LeMay

Write him c/o Barrow Holtman Public Relations, 2998 Hacienda Drive, Durate, CA 91010.

**Q:** Must know! Did Robert De Niro act any part whatsoever in *Godfather II*? I do mean the original movie, not the TV version. A \$25 donation bet to charity is in the offering. —George Wilson, Blowing Rock, N.C.

**A:** You can't lose when the bet is donated to charity. Robert De Niro played the young Vito Corleone, father

of Michael, in *Godfather II*.

**Q:** Could you please tell me if there was ever a cartoon made out of Gilligan's Island? —M.K., Rutland, Vt.

**A:** Yes, there was an animated cartoon named *Gilligan's Planet* that aired on CBS from Sept. 1982 to Sept. 1983. Bob Denver, Alan Hale Jr., Dawn Wells and Natalie Schafer provided the voices.

## FAMILY FAIRE

### CBS to air 'Frog Girl' and 'Wizard of Oz'

By Amy Schmidt

Tuesday, March 19, a very significant "CBS Schoolbreak Special" is scheduled to air. Titled *Frog Girl: The Jennifer Graham Story*, it is important because it is the true story of a girl who stood up for students' rights.

California teen Jennifer Graham was given a typical high school science assignment — to dissect a frog. She refused. A vegetarian and animal sympathizer, Jennifer, along with her mother and the Humane Society, took her case all the way to the federal courts and won.

Across her home state, Jennifer became known as "The Frog Girl."

Ellen Dunning stars as Jennifer, Kerne Keane as her mother, and Mitchell Laurence plays Jennifer's science teacher. Michael Greene portrays the principal of Jennifer's high school.