



Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Movies, TV, stage keep young star busy

Actress Christine Lahti, whose family lives in Bloomfield Hills, is gaining fans nationwide with her critically acclaimed stage and movie roles.

Currently, the 26-year-old performer is seen in the Columbia Pictures release "... And Justice for All," playing an attorney serving on an ethics committee.

Her co-star is Al Pacino, who portrays her lover and the lawyer whom the committee is investigating.

Ms. Lahti is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Lahti. Her oldest brother, Ted Jr., said all four girls and two boys in the family attended Seaholm High School.

CHRISTINE HAS done three TV movies, according to Ted, including the female lead in "The Scorpion," an ABC movie of the week; "The Last Tenant," with Lee Strasberg; and "The Henderson Monster," coming to television in December.

"She has the female lead and plays a scientist working with DNA modification," Ted said.

TV viewers may also recall Ms. Lahti's appearances co-starring as comedian Harvey Korman's daughter in his short-lived series a few seasons ago.

"She enjoys the stage better than the movies," Ted Lahti said. "She just finished the off-Broadway show 'The Woods,' a play for which she won her first theater world award for a young, aspiring actress."

Ms. Lahti, who is single, lives in New York and "flies to L.A. a lot to do things," her brother said. "She was in drama in high school and college (the University of Michigan)."

DUE TO A computer error, last week's lengthy column was garbled, with some paragraphs repeated at the end of the column while others were dropped entirely.

Following is the item about The Community House, which appeared only in part, and a couple of others which didn't show up at all:

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE in Birmingham is packing in the crowds for its popular programs, including the Travel Film Series, the Coffee & Conversation Series and the Children's Series.

The annual Travel Film Series opened Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, and both performances were sold out. People had to be turned away at the door.

For next year, The Community House is considering a Sunday matinee showing, along with a dinner. Each evening travel film program is preceded by an ethnic dinner, at the film-goer's option.

The Travel Film Series was started 21 years ago by George Pierrot and offers the country's top travel lecturers with their films.

The afternoon Coffee & Conversation Series opened Wednesday, Nov. 7, with parapsychologist Jacqui. Both this program and the second in the series, with restaurateur-chef Douglas-Duglass, were sold out prior to the series' opening.

DUGLASS WILL appear Wednesday, Dec. 5, with a demonstration on "Holiday Desserts."

Jacqui, who is resident parapsychologist for WXYZ, recently was mentioned in a Newsweek magazine article on psychics. Because of her big radio-audience following, The Community House is considering having a men's night when Jacqui will speak; the

date will be announced for a program after the first of the year.

The Children's Show Series had a full house for both performances of the season's first show, "Prince Fairyfoot," presented Saturday, Nov. 3, by the AAUW Children's Theater.

The next live theater production will be "I'm Bored," an original, musical play by Karen Z. Brown about Frosty the Snowman. Two performances will be given by the Newcomers Drama Club, from 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets are sold at the door but also can be purchased in advance.

The one program that does need a boost at The Community House is its new gourmet, ethnic luncheon, combined with a ticket to Meadow Brook Theater. For \$21, an Italian luncheon, a ticket to the Wednesday, Nov. 28, matinee "Of Mice and Men" and round-trip bus transportation from The Community House is available.

For information about any Community House offerings, call 644-5832.

TV's "MR. WIZARD," Don Herbert, was in Detroit last week to whip up a little scientific magic at the Michigan Energy Exposition. He presented afternoon and evening shows Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 8-11.

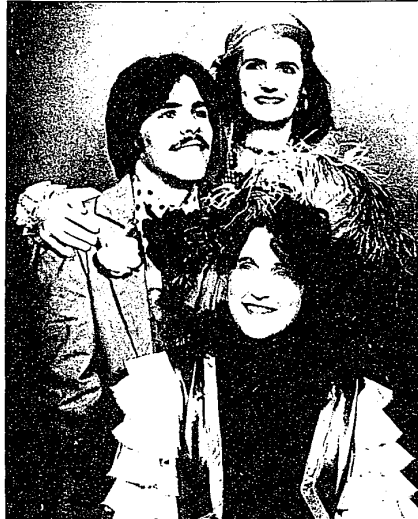
"I've put together some Mr. Wizard-type demonstrations to make you aware where you're spending your energy dollars," Herbert said.

"Most people don't know what a calorie is," he said, pointing out that a calorie is a unit of heat. In his show his wizardry produced flaming calories, which have got to be less filling than a flaming dessert.

Mr. Wizard's demonstrations were on food, electricity, heat and gas.

Herbert, who is a California resident, has just finished a book for Random House called "Mr. Wizard's Supermarket Science." It contains science experiments and fun and will be next year.

Herbert recently completed a series of 80-second science demonstrations on television, for the National Science Foundation. "This could be put on a news program, with me as the local science reporter," Herbert said.



Gospel truth

Paul Maisano is Jesus and Kathleen Brant (top) and Clara O'Neil Smith are two of his disciples in "Godspell" the soft-rock musical revue, which is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. "Godspell" opens at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, for a two-week run at the Wayne State University Studio Theater. For specific performance information call the theater box office in Detroit at 577-2972.

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