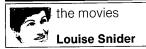


Chu Chu (Carol Burnett) is a wacky dance teacher and one-woman street band in "Chu Chu and the Philly Flash."



Poor script dulls comic possibilities for Arkin, Burnett

together in what purports to be a comedy. "Chu Chu and the Philly Plash" (PC).

The movie was shot on location in San Franciso, an important fact because the locale is the movie's greatest asset. If it had employed the considerable talents of its stars as effectively as it employed the city's attractions, "Chu Chu and the Philly Flash" would be a winner. As it is, we have a comic fizzle rather than a comic collision of two major talents. Arkin is the Plash, a former pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies. He turned to booze when he lost his fastball, and that started a slide from the bullpen to skid row. Dressed in recycled coloning that makes Columbo's raincoat look like the height of sartorial splendor, the Flash is reduced to hustling hot watches on street corners.

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That's where he meets Emily (Burnett). She is a dance teacher with two left feet. When she is not giving lessons in her walk-up apartment, she strolls the streets as Chu Chu, a one-woman band.

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SHE WEARS or carries with her a metronone which strikes a bongo drum and tambourine, a dime-store monkey wired to the strings of a bass fiddle, a plastic comb which strims a ukelele, marcaes stuffed into a halter top, a neck harmonica and a studied cost uning seems to be the source of comedy in this movie. Chu Chu tilts about in platform shoes of dizzying proportions, sports a Carmen Miranda fruit backet on her head, wears black most stockings, a tight print dress, a velvet shawl with sequins and danging plastic bannan earrings. If all the fruit and vegetable bands on her were real, ahe could be the site of a Medity invasion.

The Flash and Chu Chu cland over the same outdoor location, but their rivalry dissipates when a briefcase with stolen government documents literally falls into their hands from a third-floor window.

As they try to figure out how to cash in on this unexpected find,
As they are pursued by cops and villains. There are some mean-spirited attempts at farce in this movie, and they generally involve a rag-tag mob led by a bully called the Commander (Jack Warfeel). One of the members of his gang is fluth Buzzi. She plays a braindamaged excitous performer who acts like a monkey, (That's supposed to be funny?)
While the Plash and Emily try to evade their pursuers, a grudging friendship starts to blossom. As they recount their dubous careers to each other, we get more development of the characters, especially Burnett's character—untalented, ridiculous booking.

nt teisty. David Lowell Rich directed the movie from a script by Barbara Dana, Alan Arkin's wife. Perhaps it was written during a family spat, because there is little in it to advance Arkin's career or tha of anyone else at this costume party



The Philly Flash (Alan Arkin) is a former baseball player who finds a briefcase worth millions.

table talk

WHERE DOES the rainbow end? In Hamtramck, of course, especially on the Labor Day weekend, where the city-sponsored Hamtramck Festival continues through Monday.

Monday.
Media types who attended a recent dinner at Under the Eagle restaurant enjoyed huge, family-style
servings of favorite Polish foods. At
the party they learned more about
the annual festival, which drew
2000,000 visitors to Hamtramck last

that say, "The end of the rainbow -

Under the Eagle, 9000 Joseph Campau, will be represented at the festival where booths sponsored by church parishes, veterans, social and civic organizations will offer ethnic foods.

Festival-goers will be able to sample traditional Polish naleshniki (crepes), duck soup, dill pickle soup, piierogi (dumplings) and kielbasa (sausage).

TWO THOUSAND live lob-

sters will wriggle until they're popped into pols (or broiled) at Chuck Muer restaurants for "Lob-ster Maine-la", Wednesday through Ser Maine-la", Wednesday through Ser Pollosters are arriving at Deroil's Metropolitan Airport, from Boston, then on to Charley's Crab in Toy, Digers in Farmington Illis, Charley's Raw Bar and Seafood Restaurant in Detroit's Hotel Pontchartrain, the River Crab in St. Clair, the Gandy Dancer in An-Abor and Chuck Muer's in Toledo.
The 2,000 lobsters are expected to be only a few days' supply for the

restaurants, which will feature a special single lobster dinner at \$11.95. The meal includes corn on the cob, redship potatoes, bread and butter.

The special special

what's at the movies

AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON (R). Strange happenings in London and on the moors in this macabre spoof of horror flicks.

ARTHUR (PG). Dudley Moore is a playboy millionaire in love with Liza Minnelli in this contemporary comedy.

BLOWOUT (R). John Travolta and Nancy Allen star in Brian DePalma's murder mystery centering around the accidental recording of a mur-der and the cover-up attempts that follow.

CHU CHU AND THE PHILLY FLASH (PG). Most of the laughs are provoked by the costumes in this caper with Alan Arkin and Carol Burnett as two eccentric down-and-outers who find a briefcase with valuable documents.

ENDLESS LOVE (R). Brooke Shields and Martin Hewitt are two passionate teenagers who become so obsessed with one another that it drives ate teenagers who become s them to acts beyond reason.

EYE OF THE NEEDLE (R). Adapted from the best-selling novel, this suspense thriller and love story stars Donald Sutherland as "the Needle," the code name for Hitler's top agent in England.

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER (R). Jill Clayburgh is the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court and Walter Matthau is her most persistent adversary in this bright comedy-drama.

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RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (PG). Produced by George Lucas and directed by Steven Spielberg, this action-packed adventure pits Americans against Nazi agents in a race to acquire a sacred artifact that gives its possessor invincible power.

STRIPES (R). "Private Benjamin" from a different perspective. Bill Murray is an Army recruit in this military comedy about the rigors of basic training and woman chasing.

SUPERMAN II (PG). The story continues as Superman struggles to save the earth from criminals who survived Krypton's extinction.

MOVIE RATING GUIDE

- General audiences admitted. Parental guidance suggested. All aged admitted. Restricted. Adult must accompany person under 18. No one under 18 admitted.

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