

LET'S TALK

FAMILY FAIR

Richard Gere: Philadelphian
prefers New York to Hollywood

By Polly Vonetes

Q: Could you give me some information on Richard Gere? I'm not having much success in finding anything written about him. His performance in *Pretty Woman* was excellent and by far his best. — Donna Fastin, Oberlin, Kan.

A: Richard Gere was born Aug. 29, 1949, in Philadelphia, the son of an insurance broker. He grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., where he got his first acting experience in high school. He attended the University of Massachusetts for two years before he opted to pursue his acting career full time at the Provincetown Playhouse. He finally came to national attention in the film *Looking for Mr. Goodbar*. His life, for the last few years, has been shared with model Cindy Crawford. Gere prefers living in New York rather than Hollywood. "I have enough money that I could live anywhere in the world, but there's no place like New York," he says.

Q: Could you please tell me, from the TV series *Beauty and the Beast*, is Ron Perlman (Vincent) working on or in another series? And did Linda Hamilton (Catherine) have a baby boy or girl? —Alice Bryson, Kerrville, Texas.

A: Linda Hamilton gave birth to a son. Ron Perlman starred in the Broadway production *A Few Good Men* when the series went off the air.

Q: I have been trying desperately to locate a legitimate fan club that I can join, but it seems that some of those so-called fan clubs are very unprofessional. Can you please help me locate a fan club that sends addresses of celebrities so I can obtain autographs to add to my collection? —David Valley, Boone, N.C.

A: You may not be really looking for a fan club. A fan club is usually composed of members who are fans of a particular star. To add to your autograph collection, you would have to be a member of many clubs. I will give you the address of the Universal Autograph Collectors Club, P.O. Box 6181, Washington, DC 20044-6181. They may be able to advise you which clubs to join. For fan club information write: National Organization of Fan Clubs, 2730 Baltimore Ave., Pueblo, CO 81003.



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Q: I would like some information on Lou Diamond Phillips. Where does he live? Is he married? Does he have any relatives in North Carolina? —Heidi Jett, Lenoir, N.C.

A: Lou Diamond Phillips was born in 1962 in Subic Bay, Philippines, to an American Navy man and a Filipino mother. He grew up mostly in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he graduated from Flour Bluff High School. He is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife, the former Julie Cypher, make their home in Laurel Canyon in California. There is no mention of relatives in North Carolina, but that doesn't mean there aren't any. Relatives, like flowers in the spring, sprout up all over.

Q: I would like to know if Doris Day's movies will ever be out on videotapes. As far as I know, they haven't as of yet. Do you know if they are and where I could send for some? —Lorene Bolly, Chanute, Kan.

A: Someone has given you the wrong information. I counted at least 15 of her movies, including those with Rock Hudson, available on tape. Check with your local video store or call Video Library of Philadelphia at 1-800-669-7157. They will send you a free catalog, and they rent by mail.

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'Gremlins 2' hatch
more movie mischief

By Sherry Jones

We all know that having pets requires work, but how many pets do you know of that can't be fed after midnight, gotten wet (for fear of multiplication) or, above all, put in bright light? Well, just one comes to mind. *Gremlins* of course, and those menacing little critters are back!

Gremlins 2: The New Batch premieres on HBO Sunday, June 9, and airs throughout the month. With this second generation of monsters comes new meaning to the phrase, "I'll take Manhattan." Not so much a horror film as a lighthearted comedy, the sequel turns the malicious creatures loose in billionaire-developer Daniel Clampt (John Glover) Manhattan skyscraper (Glover is hilarious as a Donald Trump/Ied Turner type, and when the *Gremlins* invade his territory, they've picked on the wrong guy).

The Academy of Arts & Sciences announced Fox Children's Network has scored three Daytime Emmy nominations in its first season. Contenders are *Bobby's World* for outstanding animated program; Tim Curry, who supplies the voice of Captain Hook in Fox's *Peter Pan* and *The Pirates*, for outstanding performer in a children's series; and Joseph Behar as outstanding director for Fox's *Fun House*. The Daytime Emmys air Thursday, June 27, on CBS.

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Sting is one of the nominees for The 3rd Annual International Rock Awards, Wednesday on ABC.