

LET'S TALK

Publicity-shy Al Pacino dubbed 'male Greta Garbo'

By Taylor Michaels

Q: Could you please tell me some facts about Al Pacino? — C.S., Denver, Colo.

A: Pacino was born April 25, 1940, in New York in the Bronx. He spent much of his childhood at the movies and would act them out for his family. He quit the High School of Performing Arts (the school featured in the movie and series *Fame*) after his second year. While attending the Herbert Berghof Studio, he met Charles Laughton, who volunteered to help Pacino. His first performance was in an off-Broadway play, but the experience was so unnerving he refused to perform in public for an entire year. Fortunately, he got over it and performed again on Broadway and subsequently in movies. His feature film credits include the *Godfather* trilogy, *...And Justice for All*, *Author! Author!*, *Bobby Deerfield*, *Cruising*, *Dick Tracy*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Panic in Needle Park*, *Revolution*, *Scarface*, *Sea of Love*, *Serpico* and the recently released *Frankie & Johnny*. Pacino lives in New York and guards his privacy so much that he was once dubbed "the male Greta Garbo."

Q: Where can I write Robin Williams? — Tessa Broussard, Meridian, Miss.

A: You can write Williams c/o CAA, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., 90212.

Q: I would like to know how to contact singer Paula Abdul. My friends and I are very big fans of hers. — Jack Comanda, Garfield, N.J.

A: Write the singer c/o Virgin Records, 9247 Aladen Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif., 90210.

Q: What happened to Stephen King's *Golden Years*? I watched it every week, and the last time it was on it ended with those famous TV words, "To Be Continued." The next week Burt Reynolds was talking to four great ladies.



Al Pacino

Now, CBS is airing *Knots Landing* in that time slot. Will we get to see the end of the show? If not, please tell me the name of the person who needs to be fussed at for such an error. — Patricia Thodoff, Tyler, Ala.

A: I think CBS just ordered six or so episodes of the show. So if you saw that many, that's all there were. Efforts to contact CBS regarding the show have yielded nothing. As far as I know, there are no plans for any additional episodes. If you want to fuss, write to CBS Entertainment, CBS Television City, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90038.

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