

Mother of talented young actress is anything but a stage mom

BIOG: LISA ESSARY, one of our native daughters, is a talented actress and entertainer.

At 17, she is a veteran of stage, TV screen and night clubs. She turned pro at six.

She's back in town this week to appear with Joe Namath in "Picnic" at E. J. Thomas Hall. The show opens Tuesday night.

Her presence is due not only to obvious fitness for the role of "Millie" but to that mysteriously called "chance."

Luck, good and bad, has always played a part in her career as it certainly has in that of her mother, Sina, now Mrs. Ross Dorfman.

Mr. Dorfman, part of the good luck, is called "the country husband" for reasons to be made clear.

IF SINA had not been fired as the office assistant of dentist Dr. Fred Wigder in the late '60s, she and Lisa might still be full-time Akron residents.

As it is, she is a guest in the home of an aunt, Mrs. Dene Zindel on North Hill.

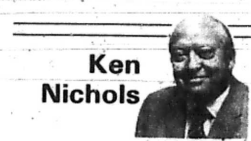
Her biography is not widely known. Just parts of it were splashed across the nation's front pages and TV tubes in '73. In that year, she was widowed three weeks after her marriage to supposed businessman Joey Gallo. He was gunned down mobster-style in a New York restaurant.

Born a Watring, she attended St. Vincent's here and was graduated in the class of '58. Her next stop — not a long one — was at St. Petersburg Junior College.

SHE MARRIED classmate Lambert "Duke" Essary, a four-year letterman in football and track. Their divorce, as she sees it, was a "no-fault."

At six, as earlier mentioned, Lisa tried out with the Kenley Players at the Packard Music Hall in Warren for the role of Baby Jane in "Gypsy." She got it.

At the same time, Sina met the conductor at the music hall — John DeMain. A romance sprouted. After DeMain returned to New York, she went there week-



Ken Nichols

ends for dates with him. "If you're ever late getting back here," said her dentist employer, "you're fired." Sina was late. And with more time to see each other, the romance with DeMain descended into friendship.

ANYWAY, after she lost the job, Sina was free to become a "stage mother," too. But she isn't. One worthy of that



Sina Dorfman

name is usually a frustrated actress hoping to taste success through the career of a son or daughter. She pushes.

The next winter after her debut at Warren, child actress Lisa went to Miami Beach (with mother) to perform in Kenley Players productions of "Gypsy" and "The Sound of Music." The director, Leslie Cutler, offered Sina a part in the last-named show. She was to be a nun, but she refused, fearing stage fright.

In New York, Lisa's singing and dancing in an industrial show at the Waldorf-Astoria caught the right eye. She signed to appear on Broadway with Julie Harris and Richard Kiley in "Voices."

AFTER the Gallo misfortune, the widow was wed briefly to Dr. Julian DeLa. It was annulled.

Last November, she married Ross Dorfman, a Wall Street investor, retired at 42. As Mrs. Dorfman says, "we only live together in the country."

Dorfman lives at the Regency and she has an apartment on 14th Street, the same one she's had since first arriving in New York.

They can't find a house or a big enough apartment in the city but they have a place in Southampton for weekends and holidays. That's how Dorfman acquired the title of "country husband."

Back in her apartment, Sina operates, as she did before her marriage, a photographic studio. She sees a lot of her daughter through a camera lens.

There, too, she breeds Red Tabby Persian cats and hires expert handlers to show them. She has a grand champion named "Rhythm" who is also an Akron visitor this week.

Chance had something to do with her decision to become a cat breeder, too. She bought a Red Tabby in New York to bring to her aunt as a birthday gift. On the way, she fell in love with the tabby and didn't want to give it up. But she did, after acquiring from Edith Kelly of Marlboro, near Alliance, a potential champion.

At one time she had 13 cats in the apartment — proving she isn't a superstitious show person.

Parental guidance in movie viewing is going down hill

Li Smith is on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

By Desmond Ryan

How much control do parents exercise over the films teen-agers see and the number of times they go to movies?

Precious little, according to an interesting study undertaken for the Newspaper Advertising Bureau.

The bureau found that the role of the parent in this area contracts as children get older. In the national sampling, 55 percent of parents of children aged between 15 and 17, the proportion drops to 14 percent.

The study, not surprisingly, also found that moviegoers are influenced in what they see by newspaper advertising for films. Certainly what critics have to say about "Grease" has nothing to do with its box office performance. The pollsters also took time to ask the 15-17 year-olds their preferences in films. Among the girls, 49 percent chose romantic features and 24 percent liked mysteries. For boys, 26 percent named adventure as their first choice and 20 percent liked horror movies.

QUOTABLE: Michel Serrault, one of the stars of "La Cage aux Folles," the homosexual farce that invests the idea of "gaiete rivale" with a new meaning, gave a long interview to Cina Francis and has this to say about transferring his transvestite role from stage to screen:

"There's bound to be an adaptation in the theater you have to talk loudly to accentuate the comic effect continuously. You have to

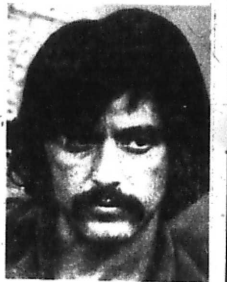
make sense for the spectator in the fourth balcony.

"In a movie, you have to talk and act much more naturally, you have to forget the theatrical convention in favor of truth. Each detail counts and the slightest excess is immediately exaggerated."

AL PACINO's slouching through "Richard III" seems to have paved the way for ever more bizarre castings in Shakespeare.

Liza Minnelli, who is currently appearing in London, announced that she will take the role of Beatrice in Franco Zeffirelli's film of "Much Ado About Nothing."

If you have trouble visualizing Liza in the part, pity the poor bard who would have a hard time recognizing the new locale of his play. It will be filmed in Brazil against the backdrop of the 1980 carnival in Rio De Janeiro.



Al Pacino

Television highlights

4 - Children's Special (3). "Street of the Flower Boxes" is a semi-documentary filmed on New York's lower East Side. It's based on actual events with neighborhood people playing the roles.

5 - Merv Griffin (5). Guests include Robert Wagner and Peter Fonda.

6 - Once Upon a Classic (45). In this episode of "Lorna Doone," John's mother tries to match him with Sam Stone, but to no avail. His love for Lorna only deepens.

6:30 - Dinah Shore (23). Bonnie Franklin, Lou Rawls and Johnny Dark are among the guests.

7:30 - PM Magazine (8). Cathy Brugget takes to the skies for a ride in a "Gyrocopter," hot air balloon rally. Mena Man acquaints you with an unusual cut of meat, the skirt steak, and PM Magazine meets a young man who's determined to prove his doctors wrong by swallowing... Dick Cavett (45), (48). Ingrid Bergman begins a two-part discussion with Dick Cavett.

8 - Baseball (23), (5). The Pittsburgh Pirates come to bat against the Philadelphia Phillies. Backup game is the Montreal Expos at Houston... Little House on the Prairie (3), (21). Laura Ingalls learns that a Walnut Grove youngster is forging his parents in an effort to keep his parents from getting a divorce. Repeat... The White Shadow (8),

(27). Goldstein's more self-assured teammates put him down as "un-cool" and take advantage of his doormat self-image. Repeat... Bill Moyers' Journal (45), (49). "Death of a Family" investigates the case of an 18-year-old boy who returned home to New Jersey from military school and, for reasons neither he understood nor relatives understood, killed his entire family.

9 - M*A*S*H (8), (27). Hawkeye is attracted to a beautiful Swedish doctor until she bruises his ego by upstaging him in the operating room. Repeat... James Michener's World (25), (45), (48). "The South Pacific: End of Eden" explores diverse cultures from New Guinea to New Zealand to Bora Bora to Guadalcanal. Michener traverses sun-drenched islands whose far simpler modes of life are now threatened by the complexities of modernization.

9:30 - WKRP in Cincinnati (8), (27). Jennifer's childhood sweetheart from West Virginia shows up in Cincinnati to make her keep her one-time vow to marry him. Repeat.

10 - Lou Grant (8), (27). A series of Skid Row stragglings takes on a special meaning for Lou when he discovers that his former doctor is now a bum. Repeat... Evening at Pops (25). The lives of two hospital trauma surgeons are profiled in this film about real doctors and their patients. No rating.

11 - "Operation: Lifeline" (3), (21). Dr. James Duke, 1918 (color). The lives of two hospital trauma surgeons are profiled in this film about real doctors and their patients. No rating.

11:30 - Tonight Show (3), (21). Guest host Roy Clark welcomes Kreskin and Adrienne Barbeau... Police Story (5). Two officers from the Internal Affairs Division investigate cases involving an alcoholic wife and an older patrolman. Repeat.

1 - Tomorrow (3), (21). Disco jockey Steve Dahl talks with an organizer of "Disco Demolition Night" at Chicago's White Sox Park, an event which turned into a riot.

Television tonight . . .

Program	AAC Akron WAKR	NBC Cleve. WKYC	AAC Cleve. WEWS	CBS Cleve. WKYC	Ind. Canton WJAN	NBC WFMJ	PBS Cleve. WVIZ	CBS Youngs. WKBH	AAC Youngs. WTVY	Ind. Circ. WUAB	PBS Kent. WUAB
5:00	Jeanette	Dating Game	Merv Griffin	Test 2 Men	Sunshine In	\$6 Million	Mr. Rogers	Movie	My 3 Sons	"The Munsters"	Mr. Rogers
6:00	ABC News	News	ABC News	Joker's Wild	Herald/Truth	News	Fireless Kit.	News	ABC News	Superman	Once/Classic
7:00	ABC News	News	ABC News	Joker's Wild	Herald/Truth	News	Fireless Kit.	News	ABC News	Superman	Once/Classic
8:00	Monday Night	Little House	Monday Night	White Shadow	Power	Little House	MacNeil Rep't	Tic Tac Do	World Vision	"Love Lucy"	MacNeil Rep't
9:00	Baseball	Operation	Baseball	M*A*S*H	WKRP/Cincy	Movie	Operation	M*A*S*H	WKRP/Cincy	Spartanac	James Michener's
10:00	Philadelphia	Lifeline	Philadelphia	WKRP/Cincy	PTL Club	Movie	Lifeline	Lou Grant	News	Make Me Laugh	Two Romnies
11:00	News	News	News	News	Richard Hague	News	MacNeil Rep't	News	MacNeil Rep't	Make Me Laugh	Two Romnies
12:00	ABC Club	News	Police	Maude	PTL Club	News	MacNeil Rep't	News	MacNeil Rep't	Make Me Laugh	Two Romnies

. . . and tomorrow

8:00	Good Morn America	Today Show	Morning Exchange	Captain Kangaroo	Richard Hague Jewish Voice	Today Show	Captain Kangaroo	Good Morn America	F. Flinstone Underdog
9:00	700 Club	Mindy's Summer Camp	Card Sharks	Donahue	Tom & Jerry	Kenneth Copeland	Sesame Street	Merv Griffin	Barnaby Rooker Room
10:00	Ches. Liv.	Card Sharks	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers
11:00	Lav. Shnr	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers
12:00	S20G Pyramd	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers	High Rollers
1:00	All My Children	Days of Our Lives	All My Children	Search/ Tom	Happy Hour	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives	Days of Our Lives
2:00	One Life to Live	The Doctors	One Life to Live	World Turns	Teach/Bible	The Doctors	The Doctors	The Doctors	The Doctors
3:00	General Hospital	General Hospital	General Hospital	Light	Richard Hague	World	Erica	Erica	Erica
4:00	Edge of Night	Get Smart	Edge of Night	Testimony	Testimony	Light	Light	Light	Light

Television movies tonight

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12 - "The Last Shot You

affair, but refuses to give her a divorce. The lovers plan to elope, but their efforts are thwarted. Rating-C.

1 - "They Call Me Trinity"

(8). Terence Hill, Bud Spencer, Farley Granger, 1972 (color). Two quick-on-the-trigger cowboy brothers have different plans for the future and for the property they hope to steal. Rating-D.

Cable highlights

Wagner Cable of Akron broadcasts programming from Atlanta's WTCC (Cable position 12) and New York City's WGR-TV (position 12). Positions may vary in other communities. Also listed are Warner's Star Channel movie (cable position 12) and high lights on those channels, beginning at 8 p.m.

1:00 - (12) Movie "Tom Brown's School Days"

2:00 - (17) Movie "Nutty"

3:00 - (12) Movie "Breaking the Barriers"

4:00 - (16) Movie "Welcome to L.A."

5:00 - (63) Movie "The Seven Little Sisters"

6:00 - (12) Special "Boat"

7:00 - (17) Movie "Lovers"

8:00 - (12) Movie "Hospital"

9:00 - (12) Movie "Snoopy Says"

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Radio today

Unless noted, news is heard every hour and half-hour.

WAKR (1590)
 Extended news at 6:55-7:15 a.m., 7:45-8:15 a.m., and 5:55-6:30 p.m.
 4-10 a.m. - Jensen and Bob
 10-Jack Ryan
 12-Charlie Richards
 4-Bob Friend
 10:25-10:35 - Baseball: Cleveland vs Seattle
 12-ABC Mystery Theater
 12-All-Night Show

WAEZ-Stereo (97.5)
 Stereo music 24 hours daily
 News and weather of the hour

WCUE-AM (1150)
 News 10 to 11 a.m. - 20 after the hour
 6-Matt Patrick
 8-Mark Hall
 9-Mark Hall
 10-Chris Michaels
 11-Mark O'Brien
 12-Howie Cosell
 12-Antony Roundtree

WSLR (1350)
 News every hour and half hour. Traffic reports every 10 minutes.
 4-Curry and Garmy
 10-Donald Drensey
 1-Rick Lowe
 4-Rick Ardarelli
 10-Jayce Dragan
 Paul Harvey, News at 8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 4:30

WDBN-FM (94.9)
 Stereo music every 45 days
 12-All-Night Show

WHLO (640)
 News-Talk AM 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
 4-Nick Anthony
 10-Steve Gullone
 6-Lee Hamilton
 8-Jason Richards

WKNT-AM-FM (1520-100.1)
 News and Music 24 hours daily. News every hour and half-hour.
 6-10-Stan Platt
 7-Mark O'Brien
 12-Howie Cosell's Open Comment
 2-Brad Wilson

10:25-10:35 - Baseball: Cleveland vs Seattle
WKDD-FM (94.5)
 News 10 before the hour
 6-Danny Thomas
 11-Diane Davis
 3-Burlon Lee
 8-Mike Day
WKSU-FM (89.7)
 (National Public Radio)
 7-Jazz Session
 10-Rock Live Music
WAUP (88.1)
 News extended at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. daily
 4-Diane Davis
 8-30-KateandScott
 8-Jason Richards
 12:30-Conversations From Wimpers Road
 12-Jazz
 4-Diane Davis
 6:30-Conversations for Consumers
 7-Akron City Council Meeting
 4-Classical Music
 12-Nightrock



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