—Silver Screening

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edic career and the bottom rung of his self-esteem, the inevitable occurs, a tragic drug and alcohol-related accident serious enough to rush him to the burn ward of a nearby hospital, encased in a cocoon of protective bandages and connected to a myriad of life-support systems.

But wait! That's not the end of the movie, that's just the beginning of this semi-real-life tale. While the media and well-wishers and wives wait for word of his fate, Jo Jo's alter ego literally arises from his burned body to take him on a much needed and soul-searching journey to the past.

Blending comedy, drama and fantasy — in a story that spand four decade — flashbacks and fragments which illuminate Jo Jo's life are intentionally woven out of sequence for the sake of realism. Pryor explains, "memory doesn't work in nice chronological patterns, Jo Jo's mind skips around and so does the story."

Each such sequence is set against the social, cultural, sexual and racial ferment of its time, observed through the filter of Jo Jo's humor.

A superb cast of extraordinary talent compliments Jo Jo's trip down memory lane. Debbie Allen, Fay Hauser, Barbara Williams, Carmen McRae, Paula Kelly, Diahnne Abbott, Scoey Mitchell, Billy Eckstine, Art Evans, Tanya Boyd, Wings Hauser and E'lon Cox (as little Jo Jo) adorn the screen throughhout.

The quality of acting is very good and although the movie does have its funny moments, JO JO DANCER is not a comedy. It is a very serious reaccountment of one man's life as an entertainer, his ups and downs, ins and outs, his growth, fame, denial and eventually rebirth.

I came to the movie with an open mind, not knowing what to expect except the obvious equation with Richard Pryor's roller coaster life. I enjoyed the movie. I laughed and I thought. It had a beginning, and an ending. It had a purpose and made a statement.

For some viewers, the statement is not strong enough to warrant any soul-searching (or at least to make a sinner mend his evil ways). That is a valic point. The drug scenes are almost romanticized and justified under the situations given.

We see Jo Jo introduced to drugs at a decadent party combining, sex, booze and cocaine. His biggest bout with "free-basing" coke comes after the death of his beloved grandmother (McRae), and his ensuing loneliness.

The actual rum and coke accident (151 and cocaine) is even played down to a very non-graphic visualization. He pours 151 rum over his head in a fit of drugged and drunken rage, tries to light his "pipe," there's an outside shot of exploding flame and glass, and he's in the hospital. The make-up in this scene is quite good.

But does the movie serve its purpose? Pryor comments, "There's a reason they call alcohol spirits. There are demons in all of us which booze and drugs awaken... which grow stronger the more we continue to use them."

Is the movie hard-hitting enough to make a drug-user or alcoholic think about the future and give up the addiction? Could a depiction of the months of agony in the burn ward with dozens of painful skin grafts be the key? What if Jo Jo had died? Would that avenue have made a better statement or stronger plea for understanding, sympathy and rebirth?

It's true, there is no exceptional camera work, no mind-boggling spectacle of color, contrast and costume. We are presented the heart-wrenching scenes of THE COLOR PURPLE, the rough and tumble shoot 'em up action of SILVERADO or the even-though-I-know-the-ending-it's-still-to-watch climax of ROCKY fame.

What the movie is, is a touching reflection or inventory of one man's life, real or imagined, performed sans gimmicks, glitter or mile-a-minute jokes.

What JO JO DANCER... YOUR LIFE IS CALLING is, is a personal accomplishment of one very special man in entertainment history. No black person has done what he has, (Sidney Poitier comes closest).

The movie marks Pryor's directing debut. He is also producer, co-writer and star, a creative feat Pryor labels as "insanitary." The film elicits your attention and appreciation.

JO JO DANCER... Any man's story set in no man's land... Now playing at area theatres.



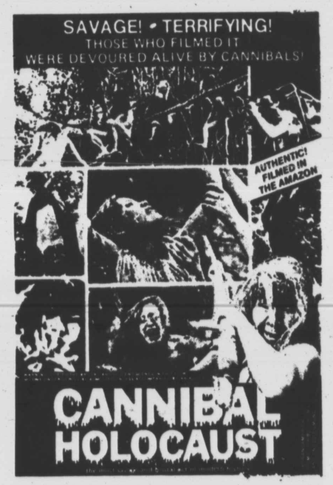
Richard Pryor made his directorial debut with "Jo Jo Dancer, Your Life is Calling."

All about the 'world' of soap star Porter

By Kimberly Redmond

Q. I think Rick Porter, the actor who portrays Larry Ewing on "Another World," is great. What can you tell me about him&—K.S., Waynesboro, Miss.

A. Army brat Porter was born in Houston, Texas, but traveled as a child. His family roots stem from a long line of cotton growers and cattle ranchers. Porter majored in theater at the University of Texas, where he acted in a number of plays. At one point in his career, Porter seriously considered becoming a stuntman. Porter joined "AW" in 1977. He's married to former "AW" castmate Deborah Hobart. In a formal ceremony reminiscent of a scene from the classic film "Gone with the Wind," the couple exchanged their wedding vows at the ranch owned by Porter's parents. You can write to Porter c/o "AW," NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020.



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TV program guide
Friday, May 23, 1986 to Thursday, May 29, 1986
WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

FRIDAY MAY 23, 1986

	WMAR (2)	WRC (4)	WTTG (5)	WJLA (7)	WDVM (9)	WBAL (11)	WJZ (13)	WDCA (20)	WETA (26)	WHMM (32)	WBFF (45)	WMPB (67)	HBO
7:00	Today	Today	Insp. Gadget Jayce	Good Morning America	CBS Morning News	CBS Morning News	Good Morning America	Robotech Jetsons	Body Electric		Insp. Gadget Transformers	Special Sesame Street	Mom's Strike Fraggle Rock
7:30	"	"	Fat Albert Flintstones	"	"	"	"	Heathcliff Bugs Bunny	MacNeil / Lehrer		GoBots Robotech	" Mister Rogers	Movie
8:00	Donahue	Love Conn. Password	I Love Lucy Andy Griffith	People's Court Lifestyles	Donahue	Divorce Court Break Bank.	People Are Talking	W.O.W.! Kid's Break	Sesame Street	Jagaerobics Secret City	Ernest Angley	Secret City Educational	"
8:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9:00	Family Ties Good Times	Family Ties Sale Of Cent.	Jeannie Bewitched	Make A Deal Headline Ch.	C. Randolph S.J. Raphael	Pyramid Make A Deal	Hour Magazine	700 Club	Sesame Street	Special 3-2-1 Contact	All In Family Andy Griffith	Programming	Video Jukebox Movie:
9:30	Wheel Fortune Alice	Wheel Fortune Scrabble	Love Boat	New Love Ryan's Hope.	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	Lifestylee New Love	Eye On Wash. Lav. & Shirley	Mister Rogers 3-2-1 Contact	Mister Rogers Anees Briggs	Big Valley	In Recital	"Reno And The Doc"
10:00	News	Here's Lucy Search Tom.	Panorama	News Loving	News Young And	News Young And	News Loving	Carson Movie:	Garden Vict. Garden	MacNeil / Lehrer	Quincy	Educational	Movie: "Squizzy
10:30	Days Of Our Lives	Days Of Our Lives	Movie: "Man And	All My Children	The Restless As The World	The Restless As The World	All My Children	"The Fugitive"	Mod. Maturity All About TV	Evening Exchange	Movie: "Melvin And	Programming	Taylor"
11:00	Another World	Another World	Boy"	One Life To Live	Turns Capitol	Turns Capitol	One Life To Live	" Gilligan	Shakespeare Hour	Great Space Race	Howard"	" We're Cooking	Movie: "Ladyhawke"
11:30	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	ThunderCats She-Ra	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Voltron M.A.S.K.	Mister Rogers Reading	Mod. Maturity Painting	Scooby Doo She-Ra	Sesame Street	"
12:00	Love Conn. People's Court	Hart To Hart	He-Man G.I. Joe	$1 Mil. Chance Sale Of Cent.	Hour Magazine	Sanford Jeffersons	Hawaii Five-0	GoBots Transformers	Sesame Street	Star Perf. Peter Gunn	He-Man ThunderCats	Mister Rogers Special	Puff Movie:
12:30	News	News	Day At A Time Alice	News	News	Barney Miller News	Diff. Strokes Taxi	Diff. Strokes W. Happening	Sesame Street	I Spy	G.I. Joe Brady Bunch	Lassie Colorsounds	"BMX Bandits"
1:00	News NBC News	News	Gimme Break Too Close	News ABC News	News	News CBS News	News	Jeffersons Jeffersons	3-2-1 Contact Business Rpt.	MacNeil / Lehrer	Star Trek	MacNeil / Lehrer	Movie: "Brewster's
1:30	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	NBC News Newlyweds	3's Company M*A*S*H	Jeopardy Ent. Tonight	CBS News Wheel Fortune	Newlyweds Price Is Right	ABC News Evening Mag.	Benson Sanford	MacNeil / Lehrer	Evening Exchange	Mork & Mindy All In Family	Alive Animals	Millions"
2:00	Disneyland's Summer	Disneyland's Summer	PM Magazine Carol Burnett	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Teenage America	Teenage America	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Movie: "Rock 'N' Roll	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Enterprise Wall St. Wk.	"Butch Cassidy And	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Movie: "Grace
2:30	Vacation Party	Vacation Party	Dynasty	Movie: "Long Time	Movie: "All The Right	Movie: "All The Right	Movie: "Long Time	High School"	Great Performances	Mystery!	The Sundance Kid"	Anne Russell	Quigley" Movie:
3:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	News	Gone"	Moves"	Moves"	Gone"	Rockford Files	Trees, Houses	Mapp & Lucia	Boxing	" Comedy	"The Ambassador"
3:30	News Benson	News Tonight	WKRP Kojak	News Nightline	News Music Video	News M*A*S*H	News Ent. Tonight	Barney Miller Wrestling	Metro Week Tony Brown	Star Perf. Peter Gunn	Too Close Tonight	SCTV Secret Agent	"Richard Pryor
4:00	WKRP Friday Videos	Friday Videos	Star Search	Ent. Tonight Movie	Connection Dance Fever	Magnum, P.I.	Nightline Solid Gold	Jim & Tammy		Business Rpt.	Ind. News	"	- Here And Now"

SATURDAY MAY 24, 1986

	WMAR (2)	WRC (4)	WTTG (5)	WJLA (7)	WDVM (9)	WBAL (11)	WJZ (13)	WDCA (20)	WETA (26)	WHMM (32)	WBFF (45)	WMPB (67)	HBO
7:00	Woody Woodpecker	Studio 4 3 Stories	Insight Veg. Soup	Kidsworld Weekend	Pole Position Get Along	Garden Living Look At It	Greatest American Hero	700 Club			Beaver Gilligan	The Crossing	"To Race The Wind" Cont'd
7:30	Snorks Tom & Jerry	Snorks Gummi Bears	Newsbag Rainbow Brite	Pink Panther Littles	Wuzzles B'stain Bears	Urban Scene Heads Up	Pink Panther Littles	Ernest Angley	Sesame Street		Consumer Black Forum	Black Champions	Movie: "Adventures Of
8:00	Smurfs	Smurfs	Popples Ulysses 31	Buga Bunny	Muppets	Muppets	Buga Bunny	Jim And Tammy	Sesame Street	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	James Kennedy	Search Of Trojan War	Huckleberry Finn"
8:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9:00	Punky	Punky	Star Trek	Leff-Lympics Ewoks &	Hulk Hogan	Hulk Hogan	Leff-Lympics Ewoks &	Happening Puttin' On	Mod. Maturity Wash. Week	Enterprise Motorweek	Movie: "Bandido"	Great Space Race	Movie: "Ghost-
9:30	Chipmunks Super Sat.	Chipmunks Kidd Video	Movie: "The Villain"	Droids Super Powers	Richie Rich In Our Lives	Richie Rich It's Academic	Droids Super Powers	Wrestling	Metro Week Journal	Innovation Kitchen	"	Wild America Adult Years	busters"
10:00	Mr. T In Baseball	Mr. T Spider-Man	"	Up The Best American	Music City Hawaii Five-0	Dukes Of Hazzard	Weekend Kids Ballfie	Movie: "Damnation	Wall St. Wk. Am. Interests	Yes Can Cook Great Chefs	Wild, Wild West	Humanities Rel. Quest	Movie: "Incredible
10:30	Baseball California	Baseball California	Movie: "Hell In The	Bandstand FTV	Movie:	Rasslin Look At It	Movie: "La Mana"	Alley"	Money World Innovation	Gourmet Outdoors	Indianapolis 500 Festival	Managing Nova	Shrinking Woman"
11:00	Angels at New York Yankees	Angels at New York Yankees	Pacific"	Movie: "The Great	"Sweet Hostage"	Movie: "Burnt	"	Movie: "Thief"	Gourmet Fr. Dining	Bodywatch Old House	Parade	" Housewoks	Movie: "Barry
11:30	"	"	Movie: "Betsen"	Smokey Roadblock"	TBA	Offerings"	Movie: "Brian's Song"	"	Cookery Vict. Garden	Oil Painting Ceramics	Soul Train	Old House Vict. Garden	Lyndon"
12:00	Kung Fu	In Baseball Speed	"	Risking It All Wide World Of	PGA Golf Memorial	PGA Golf Memorial	" Wide World Of	Star Games	Old House Bodywatch	Ceramics S. Previews	Wrestling	Cats & Dogs Oil Painting	"
12:30	Wonder Woman	Outdoor Mag. Fantasy Island	Soul Train	Sports	Tournament	Tournament	Sports	Greatest American Hero	S. Previews Around Town	Matinee At The Bijou	Chuck It Out! It's A Living	Motorweek S. Previews	The Laundromat
1:00	News Next Question	News NBC News	Fame	News ABC News	News CBS News	News Urban Scene	ABC News News	Small Wonder Happening	Masterpiece Theatre	Newton	Ted Knight Dance Fever	Newsrap Lassie	Movie:
1:30	Fame	Business McLaughlin	3's Company Ted Knight	Jeopardy Point To Point	Agronsky Wheel Fortune	Happening Small Wonder	At The Movies Square Off	Solid Gold	Nature	Dance Connection	Hee Haw	Robin Hood	"To Race The Wind"
2:00	Gimme Break Facts Of Life	Gimme Break Facts Of Life	Movie: "Eddie And	Mr. Sunshine Benson	Crazy Like A Fox	Crazy Like A Fox	Mr. Sunshine Benson	Movie: "Notorious"	Great Performances	Wndr Wks.	Movie: "The Deer	Great Performances	Movie: "Ghost-
2:30	Golden Girls 227	Golden Girls	The Cruisers"	Life's Emb. Moments	Airwolf	Airwolf	Life's Emb. Moments	"	"	USA Hotspots	Hunter"	"	busters"
3:00	Baseball Baltimore	Remington Steele	News	Love Boat	Magnum, P.I.	Magnum, P.I.	Love Boat	Baseball Baltimore	Movie: "Travels With	Jazz On Stage	"	Mapp & Lucia	Movie: "Silent Rage"
3:30	Orioles at Seattle	News Saturday	Archie Bunker Movie:	News ABC News	News Movie:	News Wrestling	News Shake Down	Orioles at Seattle	My Aunt"	Saturday Nite Sing	" Dark Shadows	Austin City Limits	"
4:00	Mariners	Night Live	"Hatari!"	Entertainment This Week	"Terror From Within"	Movie	Movie	Mariners		Bobby Jones	Movie: "Mad Ghoul"		"Little Treasure"

SUNDAY MAY 25, 1986

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7:00	Jimmy Swaggart	3 Stories First Light	Jimmy Swaggart	Peter Popoff Discovery	World Tom. Sunday Mass	Later Years Urban Scene	Real To Reel Workshop	Voltron Jimmy			Kenneth Copeland	Anna Russell	"The Pilot" Cont'd
7:30													
8:00	Lift Voice Oral Roberts	Whiz Kids	Frederick K. Price	Bauman Bible	Oral Roberts R. Schuller	Gospel Essence	Black Sheep Squadron	Swaggart Fantastic	Sesame Street		Rocky Robotech	" Comedy	Movie: "Sixteen
8:30													