I had the time and pleasure (of sorts) to watch the all-new cast of NBC's long-running weekend comedy hit, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, and I'm sorry to say that I have very mixed emotions.

I liked it and I didn't like it. Why? the show wasn't up to standard. It was entertaining but had no "pizazz." The actors were skilled but lacked "fire" in their characterizations. That wonderful energy and cocky confidence of by-gone days wasn't there, and in my opinion, the majority of the performers just couldn't cut the comedic mustard.

Like the song says, "where have all the good guys gone" I wish I knew, because I missed

guys" (John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radnor, Eddie Murphy, Joe Piscapa, Billy Crystal all accomplished performers with. California's improv group and Martin Short, among others) acting credits that are both ex- Groundling's Theatre before truly verged on sheer genius. tensive and impressive. The coming to SNL. He'll be featured They became masters of their "bad" news is: Only one - half of in the upcoming films "Club Sandart. And, in case you are un- the cast (Dunn, Lovitz, Vance and wich" and "Rat Boy" and the TV familiar with the last name on Cusack) has had hands - on, sitcom "FOLEY SQUARE." He the list, he's the kid with the under - the - belt experience in recently completed a voice - over "Alfalfa - like sprout of hair and stand - up or improvisational for Disney's "Brave Little high - waist pants who hopped to comedy. That's the part that Toaster."

used to make me roar with laughter for an hour-and-a-half. Brothers, Roseanne Roseannadana, Buckwheat or Belushi's Samurai - whatever would bring a chuckle. Even Crystal's original phrase "you look marvelous" is

on everybody's lips. Throughout the years (SNL is in its 11th season), Viewers were "Tuff Turf," "First Born" and Sweeney read scripts before he blessed to have the rare fortune to watch (and follow) young stars Mussolini's son Bruno in the up- four movies (three sold to major in the making, even if it meant coming miniseries "MUSSOLINI: staying home (or staying up) un- THE UNTOLD STORY."

simply need a shot in the arm of formed a comedy routine in San in her own one - women show



# SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE: Just not up to par

used to the fast - paced format. Chicago. I hope so, because Joan Cusack, Anthony Michael Hall has star-Randy Quaid, Terry Sweeney and "Six Pack," "National Lampoon's

The "good" news is: They are Jon Lovitz was a member of

gram "TEA AND TOAST.

maker Robert Downey, famous for "Putney Swope"), has been opposite Ann-Margaret. featured in the films "Pound,"

worked as a model before turn- named Banned in France. the 1985-86 repertory company ing to comedy in 1981. She per-

adrenaline or more time to get Francisco and at The Roxy in

"Weird Science."

Candles." She was featured in "The Last Detail," "The Appren-Just thinking about The Blues the NBC pilot "ALL TOGETHER ticeship of Duddy Kravitz," "The to comedy. NOW" and a local Chicago pro- Chairboys" and "Midnight Ex- Now, with the background with their assistance, someone in

"Weird Science." He stars as wrote them. He has co - authored studios), "Loose Women," "Shag" and "Sweet Asylum" He was a member of an acting ensemble

Danitra Vance starred in N.Y.

the tune of "I must say," bothers me (and the show). Veteran actor Randy Quaid White Boys." Described by the fort). He worked here in Joan Cusack appeared in the debuted in the film "The Last Pic- New York Times as "equally Baltimore for a short while, is a Yes, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE 1979 movie "My Bodyguard" and ture Show." His motion picture cognizant of Shakespeare and great guy and, for the record, more recently in "Sixteen credits include "What's Up Doc", Motown," she studied dramatic auditioned for SNL way back in acting in London before turning 1981!

press." Quaid also received an credentials that these actors the cast could blast off into com-Emmy nomination for his role in have, coupled with the fact that edic fame and fortune, then we. I'm obviously an old fan of the viewers, (selfish as it sounds) SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, please would be able to watch a great believe when I say I'm really show once again and have rootin' for the show's survival. something else to remember and But I've been spoiled, give me a laugh about. Plus, the die-hard star, a genius, a person who can SNL faithfuls could stop whining crack up the world at the drop of "Auld Lang Syne" and be content a hat, a comic hero, and I'll shut to watch the "new" stars come up and be quite happy.

On the other hand, while I'm patiently waiting for this to occur, perhaps the writers could take a Ms. Pattie LaBelle in her own long and serious look at the special "THE PATTI LA BELLE qualified talent they have to SHOW" on Thursday, November work with and try to gear the 28, from 10-11 p.m. on Channel skits toward highlighting the real 2 (NBC). Her guest stars will be strengths of each new performer. none other than Bill Cosby, A powerful and much more effec- Luther Vandross, Cyndi Lauper tive product could (and should) and Christian recording artist and

Q: Whatever happened to O'Sullivan, the actor who por- role of Joe Perkins on "SB," but didn't the producer (Lorne outstanding!

"Danitra Vance and the Mell - O what seems to be very little ef-

Anyway, back to the writers, if out every Saturday night!

TV TIP Be sure to watch the dynamic Grammy Award winner Amy A thought comes to mind, why Grant. The show should be

John Stamos, the actor who trays Pete O'Neill on "One was later dumped when the Michaels) recruit the \$100,000 The dramatic miniseries played Blackie Parrish on Life to Live," once appeared powers-that-be decided he comedy winner of "STAR "MUSSOLINI: THE UNTOLD SEARCH"? John Kassir STORY will air on Channel 2, Parrish was sent to prison on can't seem to recall his poon is currently portraying Tyler is a natural and fun- November 24 from 8-11 p.m.; the ABC soap, and I haven't character's name. Can you McCandless on the CBS soap nier than all the barrels November 26 from 9-11 p.m.

# SOAP OPERA WEEK

## Stamos returns to TV in wondrous 'Alice'

"One Life to Live?" Last year, on "All My Children." But I wasn't right for the role. Withersseen Stamos since. - P.B. help? - B.V., Morrisville, Pa. "Copital." You can write to him of mankeys in the world (with George C. Scott stars. Jemison, Ala.

By Kimberly Redmond Q: I'm convinced that James Q: Dane Witherspoon created the A: O'Sullivan portrayed Jeff Mar- c/o "Capitol," CBS, 7800 Beverly A: Stamos starred in last year's tin on "All My Children." He also Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036. short-lived nighttime series appeared on the daytime soaps, "Dreams." On Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, "Search For Tomorrow," and (Have a question about soap

P.J. Fall Creek, Wis.

the young actor will appear as "Somerset," and was in the first operas? Write Kimberly Redthe Messenger in the four-hour episode of the nighttime series, mond at 200 Park Ave., Room Q: Can you tell me who J.M., Brookings, Ore. CBS miniseries, "Alice in "Our Family Honor." 602, New York, NY 10166. played Maynard G. Krebs on A; Sorry, J.M., but mom is right. Wonderland." He's also been Q: What was the name of the Questions cannot be "The Many Loves of Doble Bob Denver starred in both signed to make his feature film first actor to portray Joe answered personally, but Gillis?" I say it was Pat Har- series. A bit of "Dobie Gillis" debut in the upcoming action spy Perkins on "Santa Barbara?" those of general interest will rington, but my mother says trivia: The role of rich, snobbish thriller, "Never Too Young to Where can I write to him? - be answered in future "Gilligan's Island" star Bob Milton Armitage was played by

Denver played both roles. - Warren Beatty.

TV program guide

Friday, November 22, 1985 to Thursday, November 28, 1985 WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22, 1985

Friday Plus, November 22, 1985

	WMAR	WRC	WTTG	WJLA	WDVM	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA (20)	WETA	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	нво
7:00	Today	Today	Sp. Coaster Insp. Gadget	Good Morning America	CBS Morning News	CBS Morning News	Good Morning America	Tranzor	Yoga		Insp. Gadget Transformers	To Computers Sesame Street	Hockey Night Cont d
8:00		**	Fat Albert Flintstones	**	**	**	**	Heathcliff Bugs Bunny	MacNeil / Lehrer		GoBots Fat Albert	Mister Rogers	"Something Wicked This
	Donahue	Newlyweds Password	I Love Lucy Andy Griffith	Headline Ch. Tic 1ac Dough	Donahue	Divorce Court Break Bank	People Are Talking	WOW! Romper Room	Sesame Street	Jagaerobics Secret City	Ernest Angley	Special Educational	Way Comes' Move:
10:30	Headline Ch. Tic 1ac Dough	Your No.'s Up Sale Of Cent.	Jeannie Bewitched	People's Court Make A Deal	C. Randolph S.J. Raphael	Pyramid Make A Deal	Hour Magazine	700 Çlub	Sesame Street	Eiectric Co. 3-2-1 Contact	700 Çlub	Programming	"Saturday Night Fever"
11:30	Wheel Fortune Scrabble	Wheel Fortune Scrapble	Love Boat	3's A Crowd Ryan's Hope	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	3's A Crowd Catch Phrase	, INDAY News	Mister Rogers 3-2-1 Coniact	Mister Rogers Anasa Briggs	H's Heroes	Newton	Video Jukeb
12:30	News Search Tom.	News Search Tom.	Panorama	News Loving	News Young And	News Young And	News Loving	All About Us Great Life	Write Course Earth Explored	Macneil / Lenrer	Big Valley	Educational	Movie The Deep
1:00	Days Of Our Lives	Days Of Our Lives	rAery Griffin	All My Children	The Restless As The World	The Restless As The World	All My Children	What's Hot Eye On Wash.	Mod. Maturity All About TV	Exchange	Movie: "Minnie And	Programming	**
2:30	Another World	Another World	Mork & Mindy Jayce	One Life To Live	Turns Capitol	Turns	One Life To	Kid's Break Gilligan	Great Society Remembered	With Bill Moyers	Moskowitz"	Yan Can Cook	Move 'City Heat"
3:00	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	G.I. Joe Of Power	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Jetsons M.A.S.K.	Mister Rogers Electric Co.	Woodwright Gary Jenkins	Scooby Doo Of Power	Sesame Street	
4:00	Love Conn. People's Court	Hart To Hart	He-Man ThunderCats	America	Hour Magazine	Santord Jettersons	Hawaii Five-0	GoBots Transformers	Sesame Street	Star Perf. Perer Gunn	He-Man ThunderCats	Mister Gogers Special	Fraggie Poo
5:30	News	News	A Break Alice	Jeopardy News	News	Barney Miller News	Diff. Strokes	Dukes Of Hazzard	Sesame Street	I Spy	G.I. Joe Brady Bunch	Secret City Cultures	Inside The
6:00	News NBC News	News	3's Company Too Close	News	News	News CBS News	News	Diff. Strokes W. Happening	3-2-1 Contact Business Rpt.	MacNeil / Lenrer	Star Trek	MacNeil /	Movie.
7:00	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	NBC News Wolf Of Rome	M'A'S'H	ABC News Ent. Tanight	CPS News Wheel Fortune	Newtyweds Price Is Right	ABC News Evening Mag.	Jeffersons Benson	MacNeil / Lenrer	Evening Exchange	Too Close Pyramid	Business Apt Animais	Panky
8:00	Movie: "Bridge	Movie: "Bridge	P.M. Magazine Carol Burnett	Webster Mr. Beivedere	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Movie: "Clash Of The	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Enterprise Wall St. Wk.	Movie: "What A Way	Wash Week Wall St Wk	Maue: Saturday
9:00	Across Time"	Across Time"	Dynasty	American Video Awards	Dallas	Dallas	American Video Awards	Titans"	Great- Performances	Mystery!	To Go"	Great Pertormances	Nignt Fever
10:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	News	Our Family Honor	Faicon Crest	Falcon Crest	Our Family Honor	Starsky And Hutch	Metro Week	JFK. A One-Man	Boxing	Critics Place	Movie
1 1:00	News Benson	News Tonight	WKRP Kojak	News Nightline	News Music Video	News M'A'S'H	News Ent. Tonight	Carson	Tony Brown Golden Years	Show	Sat. Night Tonight	SCTV Secret Agent	Missionary'
	WKRP Friday Videos	47	Star Search	"Black Sunday"	Connection Dance Fever	Movie	Nightline - America	Jim Bakker	Of Talevision	America	Ind News		Movie:

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 1985

	WMAR	WRC	WTTG	WJLA	WDVM	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA (20)	WETA	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	HBO
	Woody Woodpecker	Our House 3 Stories	Insight Veg. Soup	Littles ABC Weekend	Dungeons Charlie Brown	Garden Living Look At It	Underdo Kids Bartle	700 Club			Beaver Ebony / Jet	To Computers Management	Movie: "My Favor te
8:00	Snorks Tom & Jerry	Snorks Gummi Bears	Newsbag Turkey Caper	Scooby's Bugs Bunny	B stain Bears Wuzzies	Urban Scene Heads Up	Scooty's Bugs Bunny	Ernest Angley	Sesame Street		Corner Black Forum	Management Winte Course	Year Mr. me
9:00	Smurfs	Smurts	Bionic Woman	Ewoks &	Muppets	Muppets	Ewoks &	Jim Bakker	Sesame Street	Wash, Week Wall St, Wk,	The Saint	Write Course Marketing	Beyond The
10:00	Punky	Punky	Star Trek	Droids Super Powers	Hulk Hogan	Hulk Hogan	Droids Super Powers	Roller Derby	Mod. Maturity Wash. Week	Enterprise Motorweek	Movie: "Yours. Mine	Marketing	Inside The
4 4:00	Chipmunks Super Sat.	Chipmunks Kidd Video	Movie: "The Swarm"	Scooby-Doo Up The Beat	Storybreak In Our Lives	Storybreak It's Academic	Scooby-Doo Littles	Wrestling	Metro Week Journal	Wine Alona China	And Ours"	Society Adult Years	Ta Be Or Not
	Mr. T Spider-Man	Mr. T Spider-Man	**	College	Land Lost Music City	College	ABC Weekend kids Barne	Movie: "2020 Texas	Wall St. Wk. Am. Interests	Yan Can Cook Int I Kitchen	Movie: "Borderline"	Humanities Greece	Tu Be
4:00	Wonder Woman	Mouse On The Maytower	Movie: "Prisoners Of	Duke at University Of	Essence	Duke at University Of	Mouse On The Mayflower	Gladiators"	A. Smith Juveniles And	Gourmet A House	**	Managing	Movie Saknarov'
	PBA Bowling Brunswick	PBA Bowling Brunswick	The Lost Universe"	North	Football Onio State at	North	Honeymooners Number 1	Movie: "Ironmaster"	Justice Great Chefs	Old House Woodwright	Get Smart Get Smart	"Turnado" Houseworks	**
	Memorial	Memorial NBC	Movie:	College	Michigan		College Football		Woodwright Vict. Garden	Oil Painting Painting	Soul Train	Old House Vict. Garden	Donna Hot Summer Night
4:00	SportsWorld	SportsWorld	Eliminator"	Football		. Harry O		Battiustar Galactica	Old House A House	Gary Jenkins S. Previews	Wrestling	Dr Marc Oil Painting	Minvie: Praces In The
	Good Times	Here's Lucy Fight Back!	Soul Train	" "	CBS Special	CBS Special	**	Greatest American Hero	S. Previews Rockschool	Matinee At The Bijou	Gomer Pyle It's A Living	Critics' Place	heart
C:00		News NBC News	Fame		CBN News	News CBS News	99 81	Small Wonder Happening	Masterpiece	Rockschool	Too Close Dance Fever	Newsrap Sports	MONIE IVOTTE
7:00		J. Theismann McLaughtin	Archie Bunker Too Close	Point To Point	Agronsky. Redskins	Happening Small Wonder	News Square Off	Solid Gold	First Platoon	Dance Connection	Hee Haw	Wonderworks	Mesuil
0:00	Gimme Break Facts Of Life	Gimme Break Facts Of Life	Movie: "Easy Money"	Hullywood	Airwolf	Airwolf	Hor'ywood Beat	Movie:	All Creatures	WonderWorks	College	Lacques	Eyes
_	Golden Girls 227	Golden Girls		Lady Blue	Movie: 'Chase'	Movie: "Chase"	Lady Blue .	Marbles"	With Bill Moyers	Star Pert. Peter Gunn		River Journeys	HUNN Double
10:00		Hunter	News	Love Boat	11	**	Love Boat	Return To Eden	Lost In Time	Amer Jazz Just Jazz	53 18,	Biess Me Wodehouse	
4 4:00		hews Saturday	Comedy	News Add News	- Dick Clark's	News	News Montreux Pop	Carson Movie:	Mystery!	Saturday Nite Sing	H's Heroes Dark Shadows	Abstin City Limits	Nul Hevision
	Night Live	Night Live	"Yanks"	Emerainment This week	Movie	Movie	Festival	"Snuttered Room		Boppy Jones	"Night Creatures"		in The

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 1985

	WMAR	WAC	WITG.	WJLA .	WOVM	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA	WETA	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	
7:5	0 Jimmy 0 Swagyart	Eternal Light	Jerry Falwell	Peter Popon Discovery	world Tom. Sunday Mass	Later Years Gospel	Real To Reel wuppels	700 Club Jimmy			Terrahawks Beaver	Benavui	E series
8:5	O Lift Voice O Oral Roberts	Voyagers -	Frederick K. Price	Bauman Bibie	Oral Roberts H. Schuller	Urban Scene Essence	Greatest American Hero	Swaggart Jackson Five	Sesame Street		Kenneth Copeiand	Owt Tu Wonderworks	ar ere The