



Cynthia Black looks toward career in television. (Photos by Larry Roberts)



Fresh cantaloupe is first course for vegetarian Maria Alberici.

## The Goldiggers: At Least One Wants Stardom

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COLONIE—"I want to be a superstar," said Goldigger Wendy Kimball between bites of shrimp scampi.

The five-foot blonde has been with the group of Goldiggers, currently appearing at the Colonie Coliseum, for one month.

"People back home think the job's glamorous," she said, sitting pretty on one of the hard-seated leather chairs, wearing a studded denim pant suit.

"But living out of a suitcase is no fun. No more fun than finding a cockroach in your hotel bed."

Recently returned from a show in Las Vegas with Bobby Goldsboro, the six young women were whiling and dining and gearing up for their week long appearance with Louis Prima at the Coliseum.

Sipping sangria and holding snatches of conversation between serenades by the strolling musicians in the dimly lit dining room, the young women looked like any other group of fresh, scrubbed-faced twenty-year olds.

They just happen to be beautiful, outgoing, talented and have their names in lights (at least collectively) more often than most people get their name in black and white.

Though their steps may be syncopated and their voices in harmony on stage, each Goldigger is a separate person, as well as performer.

"We're different on stage as well as off stage," said Linda Alberici, who tours with her sister Maria, also a Goldigger. "We all have our own personality, and each one enhances the other."

Though distinct personalities, there is at least one theme that holds the Goldiggers together. The sexy image they inherited from the original Goldiggers.

"Some of us flout ourselves on stage more than others. But in real life most of us aren't like that," said Wendy.

"It's a shame," she added, "but I think that's the way to success. It seems to be what the public wants."

Linda is more enthusiastic about the image.

"At first I was really uptight about the sexy image," she said, "but now I like it."

A wholesome and healthy looking woman whose curled eyelashes reach almost to her eyebrows, Linda is a vegetarian.

Cynthia Black, a tall woman whose perfectly in place hair arches away from her face, has her sights set on television.

Dubbed the innocent one of the group (they call her "Angel" sometimes), she is a professional dancer who was first runner-up in the Miss California America contest.

"Commercials are ecstasy for me," said the young woman whose face has been seen with Breck shampoo and Hertz rental-car. "What I'm really interested in is television work, so every time I get in front of a camera it's a big help to me."

Though touring can be glamorous and exciting, it has its drawbacks.

Wendy, for one, misses her boyfriend.

But Linda and Cynthia see the constant moving about as more of an advantage in terms of relationships.

Cynthia, who's engaged, said her relationship is enhanced by being on the road. And Linda, a native of the Philadelphia area, is glad that when things get "heavy," you can just leave town.

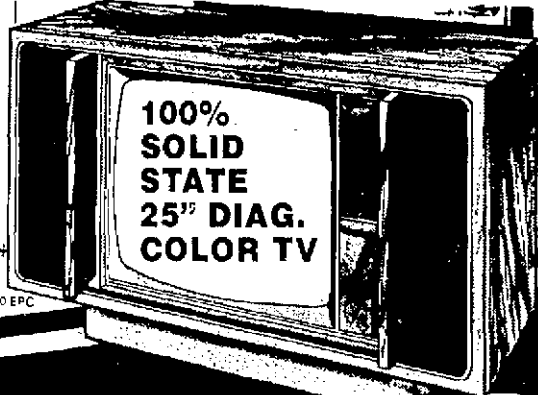
Though Wendy misses her boyfriend, she is obviously enjoying the tour with the Goldiggers.

"It's like having five sisters," she said, "and I never had any."

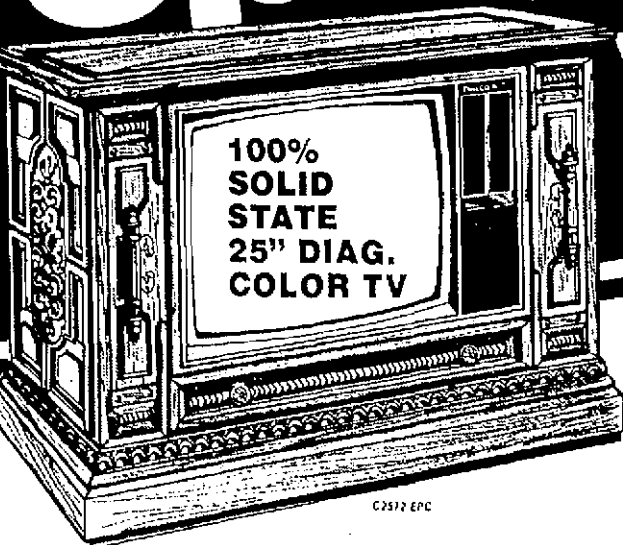
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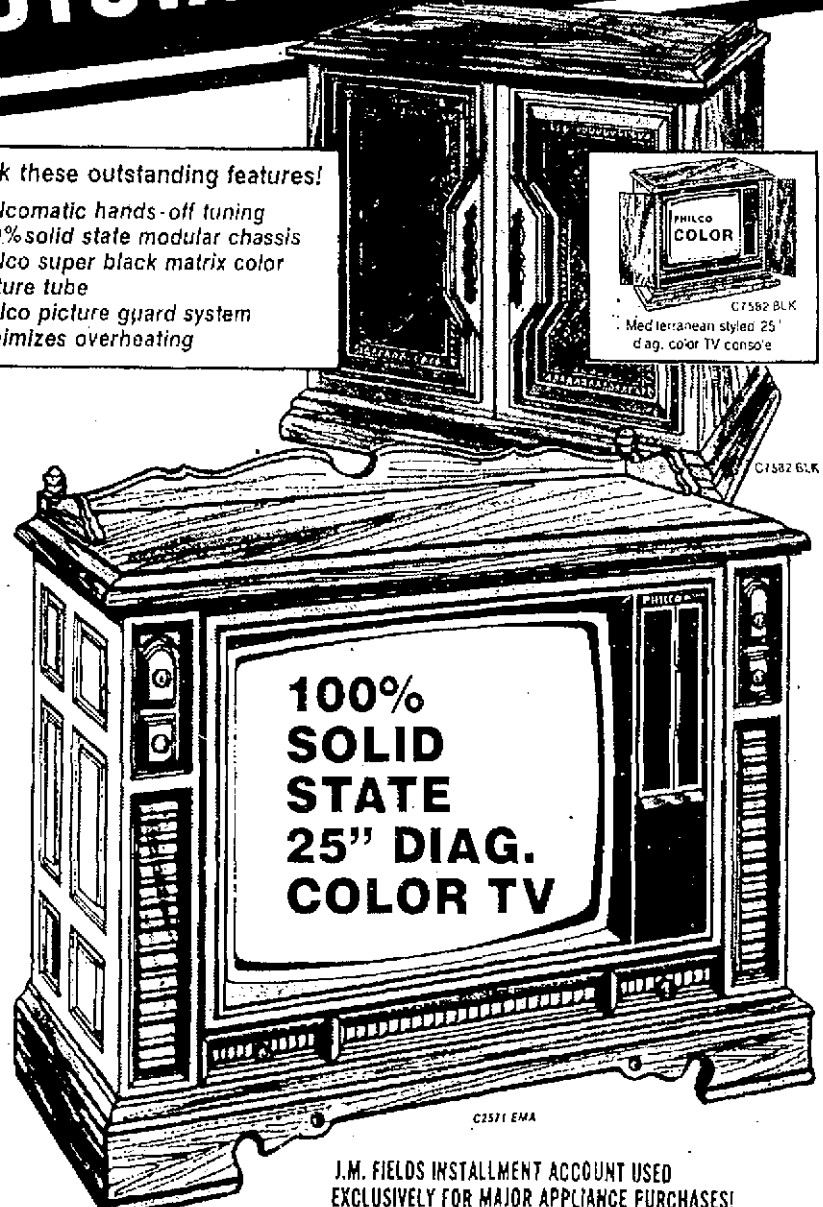
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