

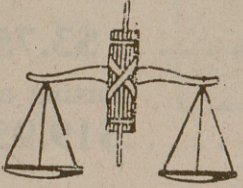
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By ROB NEWBERRY

Ever wonder what became of the Keaton's nerdy neighbor Skippy from TV's "Family Ties?"

Well, Skippy, alias Marc Price, is doing stand-up comedy and he'll be performing here Wednesday night at 8 in Rudder Auditorium.

Price has actually been doing stand-up routines since he was seven, swapping jokes on stage with his father, veteran funny man Al Bernie. Price made his comedy TV debut when he was 13 with an appearance on "Merv."

Price is now 22 and traveling across country to college campuses, where he says he likes the audiences. "I really feel like I relate to students, since they're about my age," Price said in a telephone interview. "I've been doing comedy clubs a lot lately with audiences of all ages and it will be interesting to see how the thrill I used to get from college audiences has changed."

"I've worked colleges a lot the last few years and my favorite place is where everybody is my age," Price added.

Price's press-kit bills him as "anti-gimmick" comedy. "That just means there'll be no props. I won't play guitar," Price said. "I have a lot of respect for stand-up as an art form. Everything can be done with a stage and a microphone — the 'acceptable tools.'"

But Price has experience with more than stand-up comedy. Besides his TV roles, Price

has tried out acting on the big screen. He played the lead role Eddie in "Trick or Treat," a film about a heavy metal fanatic whose hero dies, and he had major part in the Disney film "The Rescue," a film about a group of kids who travel to Vietnam to rescue their POW fathers.

"I really love going out on the road as much as I do Hollywood," Price said. "Hollywood is a second thing to me; it keeps my first love (stand-up comedy) alive and well. And it makes it easier to play to larger audiences. Still, I enjoy making movies and learning the process of that art."

Price is visiting College Station as part of the Pontiac All-Star Comedy Caravan. The caravan, which will hit 50 college campuses, is giving part of the proceeds to Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

"I'm really happy to be a part of their organization, and I believe in what their foundation is trying to do," Price said.

As for Pontiac, Price says his affiliation with them goes back to his first car. "You know, most companies name their cars after some kind of fast animal or something — Mustang or Sting Ray," Price said. "Mine was a Pontiac Phoenix — a bird that explodes every few years. The logo for the car was actually a bird on fire."

Price quickly adds that the car never did blow

up. "It ran forever," Price said.

Price has promised a touch of local flavor for his comedy routine on Wednesday, so it'll be interesting to see what kind of jokes get made about Texas A&M. Price says he'll be checking out the scene as soon as he gets here.

Price says he's also pretty sure that his friend Kevin West will be opening for him. West was featured in the pilot episode of "Babes" on Fox and has opened for comedians such as Louie Anderson. "He makes me laugh, and that's the best thing for an opening act," Price said.

"And having a buddy on the road for the tour will make it easier to have a good time with the audience," Price added.

Price should be pretty funny. He did our interview from the actual Time-Life free gift phone. "You're probably thinking the phone they send you as a free gift when you order something," Price said. "No, this is the actual free gift phone where people call to order something. I'm sitting here with Janet, you know the woman who makes the commercials."

Price wouldn't let me quote many jokes but he kept me laughing on the phone.

"Misquoted jokes aren't funny, and every word is important in a joke," Price said. If you want to hear Price's brand of locally flavored, anti-gimmick comedy, you'll have to check out the show Wednesday night.

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