

# Some play nerd roles, others live their parts

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"There's not one simple definition of a nerd," says A.B. Nerdling, Supreme Archnerd of the International Organization of Nerds (I.O.N.), whose card-carrying members number 5,000 weak. "Nerdity is probably one of the only things that can't be defined in a couple of sentences."

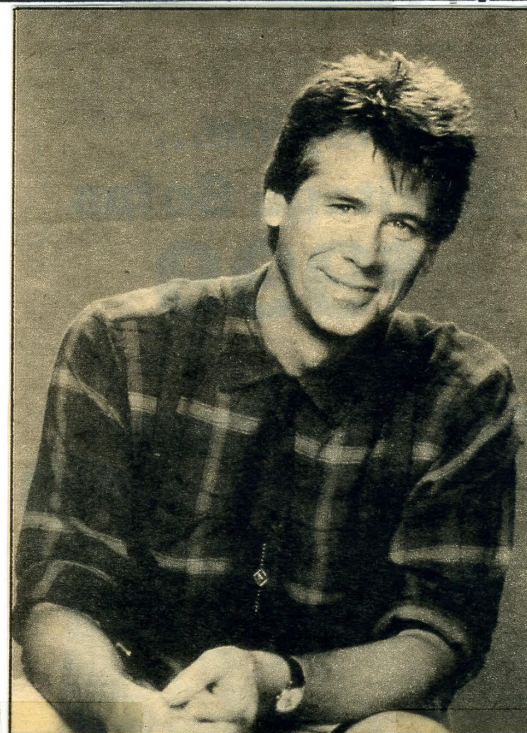
Truly a nebulous concept, nerdity is best described by example. And, once stripped of any negative connotation, nerdity has plenty of examples.

**Six great movie nerds:** When director David Lynch (of *Blue Velvet* fame and, possibly, a nerd himself) gave underground moviegoers Henry Spencer (John Nance) in *Eraserhead*, he gave the world a nerd whose hairdo demanded recognition. Take that, Don King! Other no-less-spectacular movie nerds include Mars (actor/director Spike Lee) in *She's Gotta Have It*; Louis Tully (Rick Moranis) in *Ghostbusters*; tops-in-taps nerd Peter Lowenstein (Ted Danson) in *Body Heat*; and, perhaps most notably, Brad Majors (Barry Bostwick) and Janet Weiss (Susan Sarandon) in *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.



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## 60-Second Profile



**Barry Bostwick**

**Occupation:** Actor

**Age:** 42.

**Birthplace:** San Mateo, Calif.

**Current home:** Beverly Hills, Calif.

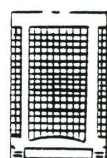
**Marital status:** Married, for the first time, to Stacey Nelkin.

**Working on:** Co-starring in the miniseries *I'll Take Manhattan*, which airs today through Wednesday on CBS.

**Worst job:** A TV series called *Foul Play*. It was a comedy that wasn't funny.

**Last good movie seen:** *In Defense of the Realm*.  
**TV I stay home to watch:** The Thursday night comedy block on NBC from *The Cosby Show* through *Night Court*.

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<b>FRI</b>	48	Lincoln Mann
<b>SAT</b>	51	Jim Midei

**Favorite performer:** Mikhail Baryshnikov.

**Personal hero:** Jimmy Stewart.

**Nobody knows I'm:** Taller than I appear on screen. I'm 6 feet 4.

**I wish I could stop:** Itching; I'm very allergic to many things.

**I'm better than anyone else when it comes to:** Complaining.

**I'd give anything to have met:** St. Francis of Assisi. I'd like to play him in a miniseries.

**Best time of my life:** Right now, because I just got married.

**Worst time of my life:** 1976. My life was in transition in too many ways, and my identity was in constant crisis.

**If I've learned one thing in life, it's:** Don't take it so seriously.

**When nobody's looking, I:** Cross my legs like a girl, at the knees.

**I hope I never have to:** Go on the Joan Rivers show again. I was boring.

**If I could change one thing about myself, I'd:** More self-confident.

**I knew I was a grown-up when I:** Started thinking seriously about getting married.

**Most irrational act:** Falling in love with a married woman. It took me four years to get out of it.

**Most irrational fear:** What I'll say if I get the Academy Award. I'm afraid I'll say something stupid.

**Nobody would believe it if they saw me:** In an episode of *My Mother, the Car*.

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