

## LET'S TALK

## FAMILY FARE

## No family relations between Julia and Patrick Duffy

By Polly Vonetes

**Q:** I would like to know if Rebecca Arthur, who plays Mary Anne on *Perfect Strangers*, is related to Beatrice Arthur on *The Golden Girls*. Also, I would like to know if Julia Duffy, who is the maid on *Newhart*, is related to Patrick Duffy on *Dallas*. I've read she is married and the mother of three children. —Merle Walton, Creston, Iowa

**A:** There is no indication of a relationship between Rebecca and Bea Arthur. Bea Arthur has two sons, Matthew and Daniel. Julia Duffy is not related to Patrick Duffy. The mother of two, a daughter, Kerry, and a son, Daniel, Julia is married to actor/producer/writer Jerry Lacy.

**Q:** A year or so ago I saw the movie *Allens* on television. It was, I thought, very entertaining. So, recently I rented the video *Allens*. To my surprise, scenes were missing from the video that were shown on TV. I was under the impression that the video format was the complete movie version. If you could help me with this, I would appreciate it. —George Hampton, La Vergne, Tenn.

**A:** There are different versions of films released. It is also possible you may have rented a European edition. Before renting a video, check to make sure it is the complete version.

**Q:** I would like to know where I can write to Charley Pride. It is important I have this address. —M. Nardello, Sedona, Ariz.

**A:** You may contact Charley Pride c/o Chardon Inc., 5924 Royal Lane, Suite 104, Dallas, TX 75230.

**Q:** I would like information on an Indian actor of the old Yancy Derringer TV show and western movies by the name of X Brands. I have written to other papers, but no one seems to know about him. Please help! —Dorothy Collins, Burnet, Texas

**A:** I am afraid I will not be of much help either. Yancy Derringer aired on CBS from October 1958 to September 1959. X Brands starred as Pahoo Ka-Ta-Wah, which was Pawnee for "wolf who stands in water." He was a popular Indian character actor during the '60s and early '70s, but with the decline of westerns, little has been heard of him since. His films include



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*Oklahoma Territory, Young and Dangerous, Escort West, and Where the Hot Wind Blows.*

**Q:** I would like the address of Charles Schultz in Santa Rosa, CA. I knew him in the 1940s and I'd like to write to him. He writes the *Charlie Brown* comics. —Alli Putman, Pengilly, Minn.

**A:** The address for Charles Schultz is 1 Snoopy Place, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

**Q:** Please tell me about TV cowboy Albert Salmi. He often portrayed a reckless gunslinger in many a good old western movie. I would like his birth date, birth place, marriage and children. Also, how and when did he die? —Wilma Todd, Science Hill, Ky.

**A:** The late Albert Salmi was born in 1928 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had been married twice. He and his first wife, actress Peggy Ann Garner, were married in 1953 and divorced in 1956. He then married Roberta Gail, and they had three children, two girls and a boy. He and his wife were found shot to death on April 22, 1990, in what appeared to be a murder-suicide. Salmi apparently shot his wife and then killed himself. The couple had been separated, and Mrs. Salmi had been living in their home alone.

Send your questions about the world of entertainment to: Polly Vonetes, Let's Talk, P.O. Box 17748, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0748. Because of the volume of mail, only questions of general interest can be answered.

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## 'Sesame Street' theme is race relations

By Lee Irby

For many years *Sesame Street* has taught preschoolers about everything from letters and numbers to ecology and emotions. This year the show is tackling the issue of race relations.

Through happenings on the block as well as animated and live-action films, viewers will learn that all children share similar feelings, whatever the color of their skin, and that a person who has different skin color or eye shape can become a good friend.

As always, the lessons will come with fun and laughter. One short film shows youngsters concluding, "It takes a lot of beautiful colors to make a picture of my friends." Another show celebrates noses which "come in different sizes and shapes, as well, but come in pretty handy when you want to sniff and smell."

In celebration of *Sesame Street*'s 22nd year on PBS, several celebrities have been slated to appear, including Robin Williams, Bo Jackson, The Simpsons, Glenn Close, Candace Bergen, Lou Diamond Phillips, Whoopi Goldberg, Julia Roberts, Jeff Goldblum, Geena Davis, Tracey Ullman and many more. They've also added two new regular cast members Jelani (Eugene Byrd) and Alex (Alexis Cruz).

Another newcomer is Claymation character Ceille Ball, a little orange bundle of enthusiasm created by Wil Vinton, creator of the California Raisin commercials.



**The Muppets Celebrate Jim Henson** on their 35th anniversary, Wednesday on CBS.