

FAMILY FARE

Mary Poppins pops on to Disney Channel

By Lee Irby

The holiday spirit is in the air at The Disney Channel.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Julie Andrews becomes the "practically perfect" nanny who comes to live with the Banks family in 1910 London. She enjoys a jolly holiday with her friend Bert the chimney sweep and the two Banks children in the time-honored classic *Mary Poppins*.

Then on Thursday, Dec. 6, Disney exclusively premieres *A. Hobo's Christmas*, starring Barnard Hughes and Gerald McRaney. With Christmas only a week away, hobo Chance Carson has decided to visit his only son, Charlie, whom he has not seen in more than 25 years. The son is not enthusiastic about the visit, but Chance's two grandchildren are delighted by his colorful stories about life riding the rails.

Also premiering this week is the ABC *AfterSchool Special*, "Stood Up." The story focuses on a teenage girl, Becky, who is stood up by a senior class hunk for the school prom. Becky decides to sue the boy for the cost of her prom dress and the alterations.

Her trial is conducted by the "Street Law" class at her school. Becky's action illustrates the hard feelings and harmful publicity a trial can trigger, as well as the need to take responsibility for a decision and the satisfaction of seeing justice done.

"Stood Up" airs Thursday, Dec. 6, on ABC.

IN THEATERS



Neil Patrick Harris (left) and Max Casella star in ABC's *Doogie Howser, M.D.*, Wednesdays.

LET'S TALK

Morgan Fairchild hails from the Lone Star State

By Polly Vonetis

Q: I want to know, is my favorite actress, Morgan Fairchild, married? And where was she born? I read in *Star Magazine* that she is from California. Is this true? — "Anthony," Lufkin, Texas

A: Texas has the honor of claiming the beautiful Morgan Fairchild. Born in Dallas (Feb. 3, 1950), she is proud to call Texas her home state. As of this writing, she is single.

Q: I would appreciate some information about Kate Jackson and Bruce Boxleitner. I really enjoyed the show *Scarecrow & Mrs. King*. Are they married to each other? If not, who are they married to, and are they making any new movies or TV shows? — Nancy Goodwin, The Woodlands, Texas

A: Both Kate Jackson and Bruce Boxleitner have been married to others; neither is married at the present time. Both would like to do another series and are considering scripts for the future. Both are coming on the small screen in movies. Kate just starred with Rick Schroder in the CBS movie *The Stranger Within*. Bruce is starring in a Judith Krantz miniseries, *Wait Until Tomorrow*, scheduled to air in the spring.

Q: When I was 9 years old, I would listen to *The Lone Ranger* on the radio. I sent for an autographed picture of him that was offered for 50 cents. Well, I have kept it all these 51 years, and it looks just like the day I got it. I would like to know how I could write to Mr. Clayton Moore (*The Lone Ranger*) and tell him about my picture. — Eleanor Fish, Machias, N.Y.

A: I hope this address will work for you. Write to: Mr. Clayton Moore, 4720 Park Olivo, Calabasas, CA 91302.

Q: I appreciated so very much the information you put in the paper about my special hero, Eric Pierpoint. Would you please tell me how Duncan Regehr (*Zorro*) got started in show business, his credits, how old he is and is he married? — Vivian Pollard, Lenox, Iowa

A: Duncan Regehr was born Oct. 5, 1954, in Alberta, Canada. He had his own television talk show when he was 14. He became an actor after pursuing careers as a figure skater, Olympic heavyweight boxing hopeful and an artist. He has played a variety of



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dramatic roles at the Stratford, Ontario, Shakespeare Festival and has done voices for cartoon characters. He made Canadian films and starred in a Canadian TV series before arriving in Hollywood in 1981. He and his wife Catherine, a writer, are happily married. They reside in Los Angeles, where Regehr has been in demand by casting directors since his performance as the gladiator in *Pompeii*. His other credits include the television movies *The Blue and the Gray*, *Goliath Awaits*, *My Wicked, Wicked Ways* and *Earth Star Voyager*. His feature films include *The War Is Over*, *The Newcomers* and *The Monster Squad*.

Q: On the recently defunct *Brady Bunch* reunion shows, I noticed the original Marcia Brady, Maureen McCormick, was not present. I've heard rumors that she committed suicide a while back. Is this true? — Juan Garcia, Phoenix, Ariz.

A: Even though Maureen McCormick returned to film the movie *A Very Brady Christmas*, she was not ready to confine herself to a weekly series. She had recently married and was involved in a business with her husband. However, she does film occasionally, if a good script is offered.

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