

FAMILY FARE

LET'S TALK

New stepmother touches children's lives

By Anne Wheeler

The lives of two children living in the turn-of-the-century prairie are enriched by their father's mail-order bride in *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, airing Sunday, Feb. 3, on CBS.

In the Hallmark Hall of Fame Presentation, Glenn Close stars as a woman who leaves her brother and their seaside home in Maine to venture to the Kansas plains in answer to a widower's advertisement for a wife and mother.

Even though the show is set in the early 1900s, the story of a family's adjustment to a step-parent is relative today.

Starring as the widower's skeptical 8-year-old daughter Anna is Lexi Randall, a fifth grader from Houston. The character has had to manage the household since an early age, and she has trouble letting the new woman into her heart.

Nearly stealing the show from veteran actress Close and her co-star Christopher Walken is young Christopher Bell, who plays 6-year-old Caleb Witting, a young boy anxious for a mother.

Sarah, Plain and Tall marks Bell's first time on television. The red-headed Bell was chosen from more than 1,100 children who auditioned for the role.

Of him co-star Walken said, "I could be Laurence Olivier in my scenes with him, and he'd still steal them. He's that good."



After a hiatus, Patsy Pease resumes her role on NBC's daytime drama *Days of Our Lives*.

Linda Hamilton not giving up on acting profession

By Polly Vonctes

Q: I miss seeing Linda Hamilton of the TV series *Beauty and the Beast*. Has she done any other films lately? Does she plan to do any in the future? I hope she didn't quit. She is one of my favorites. —M. Montgomery, Ft. Hood, Texas

A: Linda, who quit the series to have her baby, is scheduled to reprise her role as a hunted beauty in Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Terminator* sequel, premiering this summer.

Q: I am interested in finding out how one could write to the stars of the television series *The Young Riders*. I think this show helps young people understand the 1800s as well as entertaining them. —Jill Whitehead, Natchitoches, La.

A: Write to the stars of *The Young Riders*, c/o MGM/UA Television, 10000 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.

Q: This is the first time I've written someone to acquire information on a celebrity. My question concerns Dean Cameron. He played *Chainsaw* in *Summer School* and the *pizza man* in *Men at Work*. Could you tell me if he has a girlfriend or a wife, his birthday, etc., and an address? —Rebecca Harrison, Montgomery, Texas

A: Dean Cameron was born on Dec. 25, 1962, in Morrison, Ill. When he was in the third grade his parents divorced, and he moved to Norman, Okla., with his mother. His acting career began at age 6 in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he spent summers with his father, a school teacher and director. At age 18, he moved to Los Angeles and studied with the late Peggy Feury and William Traylor. That led to commercials and a guest-starring role in the TV series *Facts of Life*, a regular starring role in the series *Under One Roof*, and a recurring role in *Best Times*. He also starred in the CBS series *Fast Times* and in the theatrical film *Bad Dreams*. His hobbies are playing guitar, tennis, reading and working in the recording studio in his home. Sorry, I do not have information on his love life or an address.

Q: I am writing for an address and information on Duncan Regelt of the new *Zorro* series on *The Family Channel*. Tell me if he is married and his birthday and any other statistics you have on him. Please don't publish this, but if you do, do not include my name. —Anonymous in Huiley, Va.



Linda Hamilton

A: You are not alone in requesting information on Duncan Regelt. Many ladies have been smitten with his charms. However, I do want you to know this answer is for you. Duncan Regelt was born Oct. 5, 1964, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. He and his wife, Catherine, a writer, are happily married and make their home in Sherman Oaks, Calif., when not filming in Spain. He is 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds and has gray eyes and brown hair. He attended the Bastion Theater School in Victoria, British Columbia, and spent two years studying voice, movement, acting and fencing. Regelt is also a successful painter, and his hobbies include fencing, boxing and horseback riding. Write him c/o The Family Channel, 10000 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23463.

Q: Would you know if father and son actors Donald and Kieler Sutherland have made any movies together? Can you please send an address and their ages? —Thomas Giarrulla, Garfield, N.J.

A: As far as I can determine, the Sutherlands have never appeared in a film together. Donald Sutherland was born in 1934. Kieler Sutherland was born in 1968. Write to Donald Sutherland, c/o U.P.M. Inc., 7600 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046.

Send your questions about the world of entertainment to Polly Vonctes, 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.