

BITS AND PIECES

Angela Lansbury to continue on 'Murder, She Wrote'

Angela Lansbury, a six-time Emmy-nominee for her portrayal of Jessica Fletcher on *Murder, She Wrote*, will return for a full 22 episodes of the highly rated series when it begins its eighth season this fall.

Candice Bergen will see a little romance in the season ender of *Murphy Brown*, Monday, May 20. Jaws are bound to drop in the last 30 seconds of the finale, promises producer Diane English. Murphy is torn between her ex-husband (Robin Thomas) and her former boyfriend (Jay Thomas). The second part of the episode will open the series in the fall.

Dark Shadows fans have sent over 7,000 letters to NBC in an effort to save the low-rated show from cancellation. The network's New York and L.A. offices also saw picketing by aficionados carrying mini-collins and signs reading "Don't Stake *Dark Shadows*." Ben Cross plays vampire Barnabas Collins in the drama.

Warren Beatty is reportedly widening his waistband for his new film *Bugsy*, co-starring Annette Bening. A personal chef dishing up five meals a day has helped the actor gain 20 pounds for the title role as the infamous gangster.



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Good will struggle with evil during the finale of *Twin Peaks* on June 10. Agent Cooper and ex-agent Windom will do battle in the ultimate matchup, which could well be the low-rated show's last.

Mrs. Peter Falk says her husband is as rumpled as Columbo. "One day he went out of here to work — he had his fly down, he had cut his chin, so he had a piece of toilet paper hanging from it. He hadn't combed his hair, and he hadn't tucked his shirt in," says Shera Danese, Falk's wife of 13 years.

TRIVIA, ETC.

From film to stage and back again...

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. Ava Gardner played the leading female role in the movie. Bette Davis, among others, starred in the stage version. What is the name of the property?
2. Audrey Hepburn starred, of course, in the film version of *My Fair Lady*. Identify the actress who was slighted by not being asked to repeat her Broadway success.
3. Philip Anglim originated the role. Mark Hamill played the part for a while. Name the show and the rock star who critics generally agreed was the best of the actors to take turns at the lead.
4. The Tommy Tune-staged musical was called *Nine*. The show was based on what film by what director?
5. Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music* was also based on a film (You know what I'm asking!)
6. The film *High Society* is a musical version of what stage play?

Answers:

1. *Phantom of the Opera*
2. *My Fair Lady*
3. *The Godfather*
4. *My Darling Clementine*
5. *Milk and Honey*
6. *High Society*



Leeza Gibbons co-hosts *Hollywood's Welcome Home Desert Storm Parade*, airing in syndication.



Julianne Phillips (right) begrudgingly hires her sibling Sela Ward on NBC's *Sisters*, Saturday.



Tom Bosley and Tracy Nelson make a divine pair on *Father Dowling Mysteries*, Thursdays on ABC.