

LET'S TALK

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Barbara Stanwyck was both Christian and charitable

By Polly Vonetes

Q: I was wondering if you could tell me about the late Barbara Stanwyck. Was she a Christian and a churchgoer? Is it true that she was such a lady she never had an affair and was not even intimate with her two husbands until marriage? Also, tell me about Richard Long of Big Valley. How many times had he been married, and did he have a wife and children at the time of his death? —L. Anderson, Corning, Calif.

A: Barbara Stanwyck was a Christian and devoted much of her time, in her later years, to unpublicized charities. There had been rumors about an affair with Robert Wagner in the 1950s. As to her behavior in the bedroom with her husbands, I don't believe she ever discussed this area of her life with the press. Richard Long was married twice. He did not have children with his first wife, actress Suzan Ball. She died in 1955 after one year of marriage. In 1957 he married actress Mara Corday. They had two sons, Carey (1957) and Gregory (1960), and a daughter, Valerie (1958). He was still married to Mara at the time of his death in 1974.

Q: Please give me as much information as you can regarding the Rodgers and Hammerstein Cinderella with Lesley Ann Warren. I am wondering why none of the networks show the program anymore. It's been years since it last played, and I, among others, would like to see it run again. —Teresa Hempel, Ellsworth, Wis.

A: This particular production of Cinderella was not a film but a television special that originally aired on CBS in 1965. The Disney Channel now holds all rights to the production, and it airs periodically on that station. It is also available on Playhouse Video, a division of CBS/Fox. The stock number of the tape is 6111. Inquire at your local video rental store. They may be able to special order it for you.

Q: Would you please be so kind as to tell me all you know about Angela Cartwright and Billy Mumy? I know it has been printed before, but please, I want to know about their marriages, children and what they are doing now. —A. Isa, Peterson, N.J.

A: Angela Cartwright was born on Sept. 9, 1952, in Cheshire, England. In 1976 she married Steve Gullion, a



Lesley Ann Warren as Cinderella

musician-turned-businessman, and a year later they opened Rubber Boots, a gift shop in Toluca Lake, Calif. She has two children, Rebecca, 10, and Jesse, 6. Bill Mumy was born in Southern California in 1954. He continued acting after *Lost in Space* got grounded, then took two years off in 1971 to tour in a folk band as a singer/guitarist. He resumed acting in 1973, but is still involved in music. He played with the rock group America and collaborated on seven albums with Barnes & Barnes. Mumy now lives with his wife of four years, Eileen, in Los Angeles, where in addition to his music he writes action-adventure stories for Marvel Comics.

Q: I miss seeing Ken Wahl, who starred on the TV series *Wiseguy*. Where is he now and will he be back on television? —Carol Hardy, Irving, N.J.

A: Ken Wahl wasn't that happy with his series and longed to return to theatrical films, where he appeared in 1980's *Running Scared* and 1981's *Fort Apache, The Bronx*. He has completed a new theatrical film, *The Taking of Beverly Hills*, in which he plays a quarterback who teams up with a cop to hunt down some robbers. I don't expect to see him back on a television series anytime soon.

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Celebrities pack punch into lineup

By Sherry Jones

Hold on to your hats kids! NBC has announced its new fall Saturday morning lineup, which premieres Sept. 7. With it comes a whole new season of sports, movie and cartoon stars.

Warren Littlefield, president of NBC entertainment, plans to get Saturday mornings off to a fast start by bringing in two of the most popular television personalities in Canada: identical twins Chip and Pepper, who bring their comedy madness South with a half-hour of live entertainment and cartoon classics called *Chip and Pepper's Surf's Up Saturday*. The dynamic duo will also host the entire Saturday-morning schedule each week.

Two hours later, NBC will fight fire with fire by bringing in Macaulay Culkin (star of the hit comedy *Home Alone*) and professional sports stars Bo Jackson, Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan to add variety and excitement to children's television.

The teen-idol stars of *Saved by the Bell* are returning in an expanded version of their hit comedy series, and the remainder of the morning is anchored by returning favorites such as *Captain N & the Adventures of Super Mario Bros 4*, *Saturday Morning Videos* and *NBA: Inside Stuff*. So kids, grab your cereal bowls, blankets and pillows, and don't miss out on the excitement.



Joe Penny dodges bullets and looks for romance on *Jake and the Fatman*, Wednesdays on CBS.