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LET'S TALK

'Bobby's World' is good, clean kid fun

By Rachelle Jacobson

Cartoons, cartoons and more cartoons! For most children, cartoons are their favorite type of television show. And with "Bobby's World," airing Saturdays on Fox, animators prove cartoons can also be a very useful device in encouraging children to stretch their imaginations beyond the ordinary. The exciting twist of the show is that it promotes imagination without violence. It's just good, clean fun!

A creation of Howie Mandel (*Good Grief*, *St. Elsewhere*), *Bobby's World* depicts the life of a child in an adult world. Bobby's free-flight imagination takes him from the waiting room of a veterinary office to his very own veterinary practice... where he cures everything from an elephant to a camel. Bobby can also turn himself into doggie bones and fire hydrants, if this helps when dealing with his canine confidant, Roger. But then again, he might be on an outing with his Uncle Ted or at home with his siblings Kelly and Derek. But wherever little Bobby is, you can be sure he's having fun.

In today's technology-filled world of Nintendo, Terminators and Transformers, it's nice to have simple shows like *Bobby's World* to keep children's imaginations strong, active and healthy.

Apparently, television critics think so, too. The show is just one in Fox's award-winning cartoon lineup.



Michael Chinn discusses his latest movie, *Noises Off*, on Wednesday's *Entertainment Tonight*.

Richard Dean Anderson once had pro-hockey goal

By Taylor Michaels

Q: Six of my friends and I are fans of *MacGyver*, and we were wondering if you could give us some information about Richard Dean Anderson. We are dying to know. —V.F., Carlsbad, N.M.

A: Richard Dean Anderson was born on Jan. 23, 1950, in Minneapolis. Originally he had intended to be a professional hockey player, but after breaking both arms on the ice, he decided to pursue a less violent career. He is, however, the manager of, and a player for, the Hollywood All-Star Hockey Team, which raises funds for charities in NHL pregame activities nationwide.

Anderson's first major television role came when he landed the part of Dr. Jeff Webber on the daytime drama *General Hospital* in 1976. He continued with it for five years and then starred in two CBS series, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Emerald Point N.A.S.* He has made numerous guest appearances on other series, and he began *MacGyver* in 1985.

Q: I would like to have a mailing address for the country music show *Nashville Now*. —Carolyn Spencer, Macon, Mo.

A: The address for that show and any show seen on The Nashville Network is TNN, Viewer Services, 2807 Opryland Drive, Nashville, Tenn., 37214. Be sure to put the name of the show you have comments or questions about on the envelope. They are sorted, dated and forwarded to the producers. You can also call Viewer Services directly with your comments. That number is (615) 883-7000.

Q: I'd love to write a complimentary letter to Patti Davis. Could you please give me her address? —Kathy Suter, Prescott, Ariz.

A: You can write to Ms. Davis c/o Carol Publishing Group, 600 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10022.

Q: I would like to know about two wrestlers from the World Wrestling Federation — Hulk Hogan and Bret (The Hitman) Hart. —Addy Marshall, Blythe, Calif.

A: I don't know much about wrestling, so I'm going to give you the address of the WWF. You can write to your favorites there. The address is c/o World Wrestling Federation, 1055



Richard Dean Anderson

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Q: I would like some information on Barbara Bel Geddes. What's happened to her? She just disappeared from *Dallas*. I'm not surprised she wasn't on the final show. It was about as poor as a show could be. They could have had a family reunion and made it interesting for everyone. —Frank Fenstermaker, Lewisburg, Ky.

A: Bel Geddes was born on Oct. 31, 1922, in New York. She appeared mainly on the stage and in films until she began her role as Miss Ellie on *Dallas*. She played that role from 1978 until 1984, when she left the show to have open-heart surgery. Donna Reed played the role until Bel Geddes' returned in 1985.

I've called all around trying to get some more recent information about her, but, like you said, she just seems to have disappeared. She has a farm in upstate New York, so it's possible she's there. Sorry I don't have any more information on her.

While the final episode of *Dallas* was questionable, it ranked in the top 25 shows for that week. It was a big event in *Dallas*, with live news coverage of people celebrating the ending of the series that brought international attention to their city.

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