

LET'S TALK

Back to 'Jack's' or Finola's finale?
never bet with your sister

By Taylor Michaels

Q: I would like to know about Finola Hughes. She was my favorite character on *General Hospital* as Anna Scorpio. I was pleased to see her again on Jack's Place, but now it's off the air. Will Jack's Place air again in the future? If not, will Finola Hughes be in any other programs? —Cindy Bailey, Portland, Ore.

A: Hughes was born in London, and she attended several prestigious private schools when she was young to study ballet. Her first dramatic role of prominence was in the London-based production of *Cats* playing Victoria, The White Cat.

This work caught the eye of director Sylvester Stallone, who cast her in his film *Slaying Alive* in 1983. After appearing in productions around the world for several years, Hughes landed the part of Anna Devane Lavery Scorpio on *GH*, winning many of the awards set aside for daytime television's best. Her work on *Jack's Place* continues; ABC has ordered 13 more episodes of the series.

Q: I am 10 years old and play baseball. Nolan Ryan is a special ballplayer to me. He is the best in the world. Could you tell me where I could write to him? —Bert Prouty, Carlsbad, N.M.

A: A role model to many including his teammates, some of whom have named sons after him, Ryan has agreed to pitch for at least another season. You may write to him in care of the Texas Rangers, P.O. Box 1111, Arlington, Texas, 76010.

Q: Could you tell me about the lead actor in the new movie *The Last of the Mohicans*, such as his name, age and marital status? What other movies has he done? He looks familiar. —S.M., Battle Ground, Wash.

A: His longer hair may have thrown you, but the ruggedly handsome and talented lead in *Mohicans* is the same Daniel Day-Lewis who stood at the podium to accept the Best Actor Oscar a few years ago for *My Left Foot*. Day-Lewis' portrayal of afflicted Irish poet Christy Brown in the 1989 effort reportedly led to nervous exhaustion and an extended vacation — until the



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Hawkeye part came along. The actor is 35 years old, single (though linked to both Isabelle Adjani and Winona Ryder) and has starred in these other films: *Nanou*, *The Insurance Man*, *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Stars and Bars*, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, *A Room With a View* and *Eversmile*, New Jersey.

Q: I was told that the little girl who starred in 1973's *Paper Moon* and the man who played her uncle were in real life father and daughter. Is that so? Didn't Jodie Foster play the little girl in an earlier production? —M.L., Battenfield, Atlanta, Texas.

A: Tatum O'Neal played Addie, the cigarette-smoking con artist in cahoots with her real-life father, Ryan, in *Paper Moon*. It was her first screen appearance and earned her an Oscar. Jodie Foster played Addie in a brief *Paper Moon* television series that aired in 1974-1975.

Q: My sister and I are having a dispute over the first season of *The Facts of Life* television series. My sister believes the season started in the late '70s (1978 or 1979). I believe it started in the early '80s (1981 or 1983). Please clear this up for us. —Kristi and Jennifer M., Portland, Ore.

A: The first episode of *The Facts of Life* aired on Aug. 24, 1979.

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Grade Z:
How low can you go?

By Steven Alan McGaw

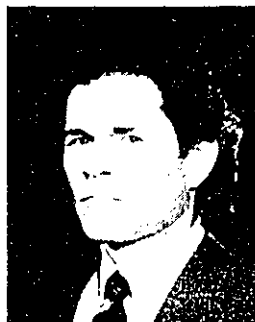
All movie genres produce some stinkers, but the number of really bad horror/fantasy films is disproportionate. Test your Grade Z I.Q. on these witless gems.

Questions:

1. Identify the former wrestler who plays the title role in 1961's abysmal *The Beast of Yucca Flats*.
2. Name the 1978 junker in which Greg Mullavey played an L.A. cop tracking a killer of older women.
3. Mickey Rooney co-directed 1961's *The Private Lives of Adam and Eve*, also appearing in the film as the devil. Who played the title roles?
4. In 1967's *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Die*, what was the evil scientist's ray-shooting satellite supposed to do?
5. The infamous Edward D. Wood (*Glen or Glenda*) scripted this 1961 stinker in which the devil conjures a bevy of dancing demons in a kind of floor show from hell. Name the film.
6. In this 1966 mistake, Don Ameche is haunted by the ghost of his first wife. Name the film and the actress who plays his deceased spouse.

Answers:

1. Tor Johnson.
2. I Blame My Mama.
3. Martin Bligher and Mamie Van Doren.
4. The aim was to sterilize mankind.
5. *Orgy of the Dead*.
6. Zsa Zsa Gabor is "Mommie" in *Picture Mommy Dead*.



Former daytime heartthrob Anthony Quinn joins the cast of *L.A. Law*, Thursdays on NBC.