

FAMILY FAIRE

LET'S TALK

CBS takes a look at TV's classics

By Amy Schmidt

"All in the Family," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Ed Sullivan Show" were three of the best programs ever to air on American television. They were the kind of programs you weren't afraid to let your kids watch — the kind of programs to which the whole family sat down faithfully every week with a bowl of popcorn and tuned in.

Feb. 16, 17 and 18, many of the cast members of these three shows will reunite for a very special look back at classic television on CBS. Feb. 16 marked the 20th anniversary of "All in the Family," which started Carroll O'Connor, Jean Stapleton, Rob Reiner and Sally Struthers. Initially rejected by TV executives, "All in the Family" finally premiered on Jan. 12, 1971, and lasted seven years.

Carol Burnett will host "The Very Best of the Ed Sullivan Show" Sunday, Feb. 17. Film clips of celebrities who have appeared on the show during the course of its 23-year run will include Elvis Presley, The Beatles, George Gleason, Pearl Bailey, The Rolling Stones, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, and George Burns and Gracie Allen.

Finally, Monday, Feb. 18, Mary Tyler Moore will join Ed Asner, Valerie Harper, Betty White and Gavin McLeod for "Mary Tyler Moore: The 20th Anniversary Special." The original show aired September 1970 and continued until 1977.

Chuck Woolery original host of 'Wheel of Fortune'

By Polly Vonetes

Q: Could you please tell me when Wheel of Fortune first came on the air, and who have the hosts been over the years? —Milton Lambert, Gilmer, Texas

A: The syndicated game show "Wheel of Fortune" premiered in January, 1975. Chuck Woolery hosted the show from 1975 to 1982, when Pat Sajak took over. Susan Stafford assisted Woolery until the fall of 1982, when she was succeeded by Vanna White. In 1989 Rolf Benirschke took over the daytime version of the show, while Sajak continued as host of the nighttime version. Vanna soon replaced Rolf with Bob Goen.

Q: I need some questions answered. Is the actor Chris Sarandon married? Does he have any children? Did he play in two movies that recently came out on regular TV, This Child Is Mine and Coming Home? —Heidi Saily, Mass City, Mich.

A: Yes, Chris Sarandon is married, and he is the father of an 8-year-old daughter, Stephanie. He co-starred in the NBC movie "This Child Is Mine" in 1985. I do not have him listed as a member of the cast in "Coming Home." Actors in "Coming Home" include Jane Fonda, Jon Voight, Bruce Dern, Robert Carradine and Robert Ginty.

Q: Three questions please. In West Side Story did Richard Beymer do his own singing? What are he and Russ Tamblyn doing now? Also, please, an address for Michael Landon. —Carole Gillmore, Kewanee, Ill.

A: Richard Beymer did not do his own singing in "West Side Story." Jimmy Bryant provided the voice for Richard's songs. He and Russ Tamblyn have been appearing on the ABC series "Twin Peaks," Tamblyn as Dr. Lawrence Jacoby and Beymer as Benjamin Horne. Write to Michael Landon, 10202 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.

Q: I have been a really big fan of James Garner for years. Is that his real name? Do you know when his birthday is? Also, do you have an address where I can write to him? —Doris Dill, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

A: James Garner was born James Scott Bumgarner in Norman, Okla.,



Chuck Woolery

April 7, 1928. You may write to him c/o Robinson, Luttrell & Associates Inc., 141 El Camino Drive, Suite 110, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.

Q: My name is Amanda Angell. I am a 10-year-old girl. I would please like to have Angela Lansbury's address. She is my favorite actress. I have seen almost all her shows. So do you think you could give me her address? I hope so! —Amanda Angell, Carlsbad, N.M.

A: I just had to answer your letter, Amanda, it was well written, and I must confess, I like Angela Lansbury, too. I will send you two addresses — write to both to be sure she will receive it. Write to Angela Lansbury, c/o Murder, She Wrote, Universal TV, 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608, and to Angela Lansbury, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Q: One of my favorite programs is the Home Show with Gary Collins. I know he is married to Mary Ann Mobley, and they have one daughter, but sometimes he speaks of two other children. Was he married before and when? —Margaret Raycraft, Alma, Mich.

A: Gary Collins was previously married to his high school sweetheart Susan Peterson, in the early sixties. They had two children.

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



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