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Shelley Long gone from prime-time TV

By Taylor Michaels



Shelley Long

Q: Will Shelley Long be appearing in any new television series? —Ann Shannon, Macon, Mo.

A: The actress, best known for her role of Diane on Cheers, has pretty much stayed away from television after leaving the hit show. She has starred in the films The Money Pit, Outrageous Fortune and Troop Beverly Hills, all of which show up every now and then on television. She will be appearing in a movie with Corbin Bernsen later this year called Frozen Assets.

Q: My dad and I are big fans of Jean-Claude Van Damme. I was wondering if you had an address for him? —Cynthia Stapleton, Dayhull, Ky.

A: Write to the Jean-Claude Van Damme Fan Club, P.O. Box 4149, Chatsworth, Calif., 91313-4149.

Q: I would like to know the address of Jodie Sweetin. She plays on Full House as Stephanie Tanner and I am a fan of hers. —Seth Urbaneyk, Herford, Texas.

A: Write to the actress in care of Full House, Capitol Cities/ABC, 77 West 66th Street, New York, N.Y., 10023.

Q: My son, who has cerebral palsy, is a great fan of Garth Brooks. He's learned a lot of his songs and sings them all the time. Where can I write to him? I would greatly appreciate it if you could answer as soon as possible as he is going to be in concert near us soon. —Daniel Razo's mother, Cottonwood, Ariz.

A: For basic fan information, you can write to Garth Brooks Fan Club International, 27 Music Square East, Suite 172, Nashville, Tenn., 37203. But in this instance, I would suggest you write to him in care of Doyle-Lewis Management, 1109 17th Ave. South, Nashville, Tenn., 37212. This is his management group and they will probably be able to get you a faster response. Other fans please use his fan club address as their office will, no doubt turn the mail over to the fan club anyway. And if Doyle-Lewis Management is flooded with mail, it will only slow down the response time to this letter.

Q: I am writing to say that I would like to see the two television shows Matlock and In the Heat of the Night continue. Both are great, family shows with a lesson for all of us... a show the whole family can watch.

A: Enough movie was made about these two shows being canceled by NBC to prompt other networks to sit up and take notice. ABC has picked up Matlock and CBS will air In the Heat of the Night.

Q: Will you explain to me why the television stations have so many problems? They go off the air for a week with no explanation. This morning, the three major stations flashed off and on. This happens so often, I decided to write. The other stations have also had problems. —M.A., Madella, Minn.

A: It sounds like this is not the problem of the actual television stations but a problem at your cable company, at least the stations flashing on and off. As far as the three networks are concerned, their signals reach your area by satellite transmission, and are then broadcast through the air waves by the local affiliate and/or sent out over cable lines by your local cable company. The network's satellite feeds can be interrupted by various causes, but if more than one station is affected, most likely your cable supplier is having satellite reception or coaxial transmission difficulties. If you are not a cable customer, you may be having problems with your antenna or live in an area where the combination of elevated terrain and bad weather can cause poor reception. When local TV stations go off for a week or more, it's probably a problem with their transmitter. When these problems occur, call your cable supplier or the local stations involved.

Who played Poirot?

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. Identify the actor who played Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot in The Alphabet Murders.

2. Name the former Knots-Landing star who played Clint Eastwood's girlfriend in Play Misty for Me.

3. In this 1976 film, these two performers appeared as themselves, presenting a trophy at the Grammy Awards. A) Name the two "presenters," B) name the "recipient" of the award and (C) identify the movie.

4. This Oscar-winning actor was born Hurlie Icle Ivanhoe on June 14, 1909. We know him better as...

5. The two sequels to 1969's The Love Bug were...

6. Kirk Alyn was the first actor to portray this popular hero on film. Identify the character.

7. Name the actress who played Queen Nefertiti in 1956's The Ten Commandments.

Answers:

- 1. Anne Baxter
2. Superman
3. Carol King and Bert Stern
4. Burl Ives
5. Star 80 (C)
6. (A) presented the award to Barbara Streisand (B) in the '76 remake of A Star is Born
7. Tony Orlando and Rita Coolidge
8. Donna Mills
9. Tony Randall



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