'Punky Brewster' patriarch George Gaynes dies

Jayme Deerwester

USA TODAY

George Gaynes, best known to TV viewers as the foster father to Soleil Moon Frye's Punky Brewster and her dog Brandon, has

Gavnes was born George Jongejans in Helsinki in 1917 to a Russian artist mother and Dutch businessman father. He was raised in France, England and Switzerland and studied opera in Italy before World War II and a brief internment in Spain derailed his schooling. He spent the rest of the war serving in the Royal Dutch Navy.

At the war's end, he headed to America, where he performed with the New York City Opera, as well as on Broadway, where he ioined the cast of 1950's Out of

1953 was a momentous year for him. He was cast in Leonard Bernstein's Wonderful Town, changed his last name to Gaynes and married actress Allyn Ann McLerie, with whom he spent the rest of his life. They had a daughter, Iya, and a son, Matthew, a world-class kavaker who missed out on the Olympics because of the 1980 boycott.

Matthew died in a car accident in India in 1989.

The majority of Gaynes' career was spent in on the small screen, where he eked out a living doing TV movies and guest roles on shows such as Columbo, Hawaii Five-0, Quincy, M.E. and the soap opera General Hospital. Viewers recognized him but could never quite name him, making Gaynes the "Hey, It's That Guy" of his time.



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George Gaynes didn't become a TV star until his 60s, when he starred in Punky Brewster.



Gaynes was a mainstay of the Police Academy movies.

The perpetual TV character actor's star rose with 1982's *Toostie* and the Police Academy series, which spanned seven movies. (He also played a supporting role in 1973's The Way We Were.)

Then finally, in 1984, at age 64,

he graduated from character actor to leading man when he was cast as Chicago building-manager-turned-foster-dad Henry Warnimont. But it came at a cost: In an interview that year, he told The New York Times: "The two things an actor dreads most are children and dogs. I have both in this series."

He played the role for four seasons, as well as in a short-lived animated spinoff. He also would find steady gigs on CBS' Hearts Afire and NBC's The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd, which allowed him to work alongside

Gaynes called it a career after the 2003 Ashton Kutcher film Just Married. He spent several years of his retirement in Santa Barbara, Calif., before moving to Washington state to live with his daughter's family.

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5 happy things about 'The Angry Birds Movie'

Carly Mallenbaum

USA TODAY

Why are the titular birds in the crazy-popular Angry Birds mobile game so ticked off at a bunch of green piggies?

The question that has been on millions of gamers' minds will finally be answered in the 3-D animated comedy The Angry Birds Movie, out May 20. It features the voices of Jason Sudeikis, Bill Hader, Josh Gad and Danny McBride.

We don't want to spoil exactly what's so anger-inducing for a bunch of round, flightless birds, but here are five things we learned at an Angry Birds Movie "Sneak Beak" event at Sony Pictures with producers, directors and voice actors:

1. THE BIRDS WEREN'T **ALWAYS SO ANGRY.**

According to producer John Cohen, who worked closely with Angry Birds game creator Mikael Hed, the story begins with a bunch of happy, flightless birds hanging out on an island. There are only a few birds - namely Red (Sudeikis), Chuck (Gad) and Bomb (McBride) - who are deal-



Chuck (Josh Gad) and Red (Jason Sudeikis) deal with pigs and peeves in The Angry Birds Movie.

ing with a few things in an angermanagement class.

2. THE BIRDS IN THE MOVIE DO NOT PLAY THE 'ANGRY BIRDS' GAME.

The birds' island is "naturalistic,"

Cohen says. There are no cellphones, which means no mobile apps and games. There are, however, places where birds can get feather extensions and participate in "Mommy & Me" classes with their eggs.

3. THE PIGS LIVE IN A **WORLD WITH 'HAM-ILTON.'**

There are advertisements on the pigs' island for the spoof Broadway smash Ham-ilton, starring Kevin Bacon. You can expect plenty more pop-cultural jokes

like that: The movie was written by Jon Vitti of *The Simpsons*.

4. SUDEIKIS, GAD AND MCBRIDE CAN RELATE TO THEIR CHARACTERS

Like his character who's "angry from the jump," Sudeikis, too, has a temper. "I get ticked off (by) the person I get to sleep next to, my supportive family ... (when) my bingo card is full," he jokes.

Gad says he also would be able to relate to the birds' anger, if, hypothetically, a "reality TV star could be the next president of the United States."

McBride channels his inner anger when GPS tells him to "make a left over four lanes of traffic."

5. HADER'S PIG VOICE SOUNDS LIKE ... 'MY DAD'

Hader, who voices the pig Leonard, tried out a few different sounds for his character. At first, he went with a Robert Preston/ Music Man-sounding voice, but in a second session, filmmakers asked him, "Do you have something else?'

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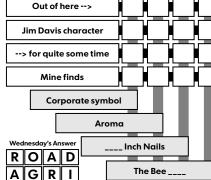
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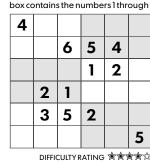
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