

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mr. Connolly: I have never seen "Pevton Place" on TV. I wouldn't turn it on. I read the book! Why do our producers have to dig around in Skid Row for their plots? Walt Disney doesn't and he does very well financially. Let me know when a TV producer with some artistic know-how turns up—one who doesn't need smut to succeed—one who has GENIUS—and I'll watch TV.—E. S. Robertson, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear E. S.: There are plenty of those. I'll name just Steve Gethers of "The Bing Crosby Show," Sheldon Leonard of "Gomer Pyle" and Carl Reiner of "The Dick Van Dyke Show." Don't knock 'em all out of the box (or off the beam, as the case may be) just because of one.

Dear Mike: If Doris Day is uncooperative as the members of the Hollywood Women's Press Club claim she is, how come she won that "Sweet Apple Award" from the City Fathers of Cincinnati.—Carmelia Oddone, Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Carmelia: Come now, let's not be naive. I remember well how Doris used to romance not only the members of the HWPC but most members of the press, when she needed us in order to build her name. But now she hides from us, apparently because she just doesn't want to be bothered. I'm on the side of the hip HWPC chicks. We live close to Doris, the folks in Cincinnati (her hometown) don't. As for that Sweet Apple, we hope Doris or the press agents she hired to get it for her enjoy it in good health.

Mr. Connolly: You are a real clod and a fat Pink for printing those things some people have to say about the Beatles. All you have to do is snub the Beatles once and you'll have the undying hatred of all their fans!—Lorene Robinson, Tuttle, N.J.

Dear Lorene: My Momma calls me T-Bone.

Dear Mike: I have many people to bark me up about how nice, talented, darling, fun-loving, handsome and famous the Beatles are. I could probably add more things but I am so angry at you that my

fanious mind can't remember right now! — J. Lowery, Peoria, Ill.

Dear J. (and you too, Eileen Craig of Chilton, N.J.; Mari-beth Stauner of Eldridge, Calif.; Cynthia Gillick of Palo Alto, Calif.; and A. McGregor, also of Palo Alto): I have a reader in Philadelphia named Marianne Di Carlo who says she's wild about The Dave Clark Five. She hopes that doesn't set her apart from the rest of you teenagers. As for your columnist, Marianne writes, "Please don't quit the human race, I like you the way you are." Cool it, kids, there's room for all of us, and that includes old Horace Walpole, too, who wrote this about another group of Londoners way back in 1799: "The shaggy hair of the young men today has con-founded all individuality."

Dear Mr. C.: Being a journalism II student and following the world around us, both the political world and the society world, I choose to write you above several other columnists. Would you advise a career in journalism for a girl? If so, what phase of it is best for a girl to enter.—Sherry Fox Parkersburg, W. Va.

Dear Sherry: Start on your local paper, if you can get on it. Take any assignment they give you and if they don't give you one fight for one. Nag, holler, scream—smile, simmer, toady—it doesn't matter how you do it Sherry, as long as you do it, and by that I mean get that SCOOP.

Dear Mr. C.: Please tell me ALL about Efreim Zimbalist Jr.—Tanya Dorfsky, Mill Valley, Calif.

Dear Tanya: He was born Nov. 30, 1923. His first wife, Emily McVair died in 1950. He is divorced from his second, Stephanie Spaulding. He has two children, Nancy and Efreim III, by Emily one, Stephanie Jr., by Stephanie. His father is the famous violinist-composer, his mother was the late Metropolitan Opera star, Alma Clark. He is a gentleman—and more I cannot tell you.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail.)

Garden Checklist

1. You can still plant deciduous fruit trees bare-root. If you're short on space, consider the new dwarf varieties that have been especially developed for the small garden or patio. You get full sized fruit on a shrub-sized tree.
2. Finish pruning deciduous shrubs and trees early this month, but hold off pruning plants that flower in the spring until after they bloom.
3. Set the stage for your summer garden show by putting in warm-weather bulbs now. Plant callas in soil well enriched with manure. Keep setting out new gladiolus plantings to insure a succession of bloom. Amaryllis, cannas, tuberose, and zephyr lilies are also available at nurseries and should go in now.
4. New varieties of camellias are in bloom at your nursery. This is the best time to move them into your garden because, unlike other plants, camellias bloom while they are dormant, so you can plant them without disturbing their winter nap. So browse around, select your favorites, and plant them now.
5. Before spring growth starts is an ideal time to fertilize your lawn. Roses and trees should be fed around the drip line now, and camellias appreciate a light application of acid fertilizer right after blooming. Check with your nurseryman on the right plant foods to use.
6. Plant calendulas in a sunny place for a nice show of color before the hot weather sets in.

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