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Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Some have been saying that Julie Andrews is a junkie. Is it true? I hope not. — Judy Ann Dickey, Grover City, Calif.

Dear Judy: It's a gag. Somebody stuck a sign on the back of her car reading "Mary Poppins Is a Junkie." It's what is known as sick humor.

Aside to David Lake of Cambridge, Mass., and Linda Morey of Arlington, Mass.: The top 10 TV shows according to the latest ratings are "Bonanza," Andy Griffith, "Gomer Pyle," "Lucy," "The Farmer's Daughter," Red Skelton, Dick Van Dyke, "The Beverly Hillbillies," Walt Disney and "Bewitched."

Dear Mike: Aren't you afraid of flying off on all those press junkets? Flying is fine, a few times a year, but that constant go-go-go would bug me. How about you? — Archie Mapes, Farmer's Branch, Texas.

Dear Archie: I like it. The only time it bugged me was on an economy flight when the hostess told us to fasten our inner tubes.

Dear Mr. C.: I am VERY mad about the disparaging things you wrote about Sonny and Cher at the WAIF Ball honoring Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon. You adults just don't appreciate what these people have done for the youth of today. They have opened up our eyes and ears to what is going on in

the world, and how much each person needs someone else. Everyone has always put teenagers down but these young entertainers understand our emotions. Next time, THINK before you WRITE! — Cynthia Perry, Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Cynthia: Had Sonny and Cher been a hit that night, I would have been the first to acclaim them. Instead, they were so bad the audience booed and hissed. Dream worlds are okay for dreamers, doll, but the world of reality requires straight news reporting.

Sir: Could you tell me where "Peyton Place," the movie, was shot? I thought it was in Camden, Maine, but my friends say no — it was Peterborough, N. H. — Mrs. Lawson N. Smith, New Boston, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Smith: It was neither. It was the back lot at 20th-Fox, right here in Hollywood.

Dear Mike: If Patty Duke is so close to her manager and his wife, why didn't they attend her wedding? — Carol Detienne, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Carol: Patty's no different than most of today's teenagers. Could be, having reached her majority, Patty rebelled against the authority of Ethel Ross by asking Jean Byron to be her matron of honor instead.

Dear Mike: I'm mad about "Amos Burke" going off TV. How does Gene Barry feel about it? — Rose Marie Holmes, Mountain Lakes, N.J.

Dear Rose Marie: The star of the show is mad too. So mad he refused to attend the last day-of-shooting party that producer Aaron Spelling planned. Spelling must have gotten the message that it would be more like a funeral than a party; he cancelled it.

Indian Village is Popping A Party Poppers' Package

Aye, t'was ever thus! Manager Virginia Haack has come up with a new one for those of you who are party-bent for the holidays. It's a "Five-For-Two" deal that the Indian Village is popping for as an attractive holiday party package and it goes like this.

Party-givers and party-goers under this new plan may have all they can drink for two hours for five bucks, plus a lavish assortment of appetizers. And it's first quality label stuff that is being poured, says Mrs. Haack.

Private accommodations also are available for the "5-4-2" celebrants when they number 25 persons or more in a group. Be sure, though, you swing pretty good with those appetizers. Nobody wants to get into trouble during these festive holidays.

Say, if you haven't yet made The Tea House on Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Highway, put it on your must list soon. Rose and Louie present some of the finest Cantonese foods available in the south bay area plus any number of those exotic Polynesian drinks you hear so much about.

Millions of parking space, too, and they've got food to go for those of you who can't sit for a few minutes. Remember, it's at 25318 Crenshaw and you can go the family style route for as low as a buck eighty-five.

And here's something for a quick change of pace. It's the Swedish Corner at 2501 Pacific Coast Highway for the ever-popular Swedish smorgasbord where the order of the day is "eat as much as you like" and, like woe—you can go overboard with a deal like this. Lunch for \$1.14 and dinners for \$1.84. Nice round figures. Seven-day-a-week operation here from 11:30 a.m. 'til 9 at night.

Enough can't be said about the quality Mexican food they're offering down there at 5111 Torrance Blvd. It's of course Margaritas.

We'll give you a better run-down on this spot in the near future so to exactly what they have these days on the ample menu. But this we can say — Margaritas has all the charm and allure of old Mexico in both decor as well as the supreme service. A truly charming spot.

Stopped by BBQ Pete's spot at 111th St. and Hawthorne one nite last week on our way to no place in particular and wrapped up some of the most delicious spare ribs we've yet wrapped up, if you follow this line of giberish. They also feature prima barbecued chicken and all priced sensibly enough for the most frugal of pocketbooks.

Also, if you're in the mood, cocktails are available down at BBQ Pete's place. Ample seating here with four dining rooms.

Now we all remember The Palms in Torrance. One of the best rooms in the area for excellent prime rib, steaks and generous cocktails. The Palms is located at 1925 W. Carson and in the

event you'd feel more confident with a reservation, simply call FA 8-2424.

C's Chartroom and you'll have a ball. Give Mr. C a call at 830-9281 and see what kind of space he might have available the particular nite you wish to attend.

The Pizza Palaces of course are well known in L.A. and in our area there are two at your disposal. One is in Torrance at 3843 Sepulveda and the other at 14008 Crenshaw in the Gardena area.

It's always fun at the Pizza Palace and come to think of it, the pizzas are good, too.

Long a popular spot in the Redondo Beach neighborhood, the Steak Knife is still one of those top spots that seems to go on and on and on . . . etc.

Top quality lobster tails, sourdough bread, which no one can resist, diet or no diet, aged eastern beef and an exciting fireside salad bar that'll put you away.

Steak Knife is at Hawthorne and Artesia Blvds. Right there in the South Bay Shopping Center, where they have the dancing Christmas tree daily and nite.

And while we're in the vicinity, just recalled that Al Smith observed his one full year at Michael's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge last Saturday nite by pitching a grand soiree for all his patrons. It was a real swinger, you better believe.

Big Al (who prefers to be addressed at "Alsmith" . . . all run in together) even sprung for a 'giant malt' for this department. But then, he always does, so what else is new! Strictly a Coke and 7-Up man himself, however.

It's a beautiful room, though and having weathered the storm for a full year, guess Al's got it made from here on in with his comfortable meat-and-potatoes house.

Back once again to another fine Mexican restaurant, let's visit Pancho Villa Inn at 5139 Calle Mayor in Torrance. They've got lots of specials here — 5-course luncheons, Monday specials and Wednesday specials when prices are backed up for some wonderful leaders. Seven-day operation with a food to go bit going along with the whole thing.

Arnold and Barbara will see to it that your slightest whim will be fulfilled. (Well now, maybe not THAT literal, but almost any thing you need!)

Frankie St. Clair's still riding high over at the Southwest Bowl and you'll go a long way before you hear a more entertaining entertainer (huh?). Frank's been around the bay area and it's environs for some time now and has built up quite a following. We've known him away back to the Caesar days and he hasn't changed one iota — except for perhaps a lot of improvement, and as we recall, there wasn't too much room for improvement even in those days.

Both dining and dancing is on the card at the Southwest Bowl so get in on the fun.



BIKE BONANZA WINNER . . . Brent Frogget of 3512 187th Street, Torrance, a recent winner in the Eob's Family Restaurants' Bike Bonanza contest, receives his prize—a new bike. Restaurant Manager, Louis Fierro, also presented him with a Big Boy Safety booklet to make his riding safer and more enjoyable. Winners are being chosen every week with two new bicycles given away at each of Bob's 21 restaurants in the greater Los Angeles area. Entry blanks are still available at all Bob's restaurants. The Grand Prize drawing will be held December 15.

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