

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: I understand Liberace plays by ear only. Then I heard he started taking piano lessons at the age of 4. Is this true? Also I read once that after he began playing in public, he developed an infection in his right hand and the doctors wanted to amputate. Is this true? — A.S., San Francisco.

Dear A.S.: It's possible Liberace can play by ear but we do know he started taking piano lessons back in Milwaukee about forty years ago. Regarding the infection in his hand, I'd suggest you write Liberace directly in care of: Seymour Heller, 233 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

Dear Mr. Connolly: The answer to how to become a movie star usually is that it takes hard work. But I think there are some people who can get right on a stage and do a good job of acting. Lana Turner, for instance, was in a coffee shop when these men from a Hollywood studio thought she was so pretty, that they started her out on the stage acting. And she made it. When I grow up I would like to be an actor. Do you think other people could have the chance Lana did? — S.K., Reeds Ferry, N.H.

Dear S.K.: Getting started as an actor wasn't as easy for Lana as you seem to think. True, she was first seen in a coffee shop across the street from her high school. But the first person to see her was a newspaper publisher who in turn phoned some movie studios to watch for her in this coffee shop. She never began acting on the stage—only in films. Her first film was "The Adventures of Marco Polo" starring Gary Cooper in which she played one of three floor-scrubbing kitchen maids. Then came another walk-on role in "They Won't Forget" after which they bleached her hair and began the transformation you see today. No two cases for actors starting out are the same. So write us again in five years.

Dear Mike: Whatever happened to Edmond O'Brien? I read he was very ill when he left "Long Hot Summer." I hope not. Thank you.—Mrs. L.W., Dresner, Penna.

Dear Mrs. L.W.: You're right, Edmond O'Brien was ill when he left the TV series but he is well on his way to recovery.

Dear Sir: During the middle thirties, Sinclair Oil had a radio show. What was the gadget Bill Childs used on his famous tap dance?—H.P.S., Oklahoma City.

Dear H.P.S.: Bill Childs' "gadget" was drumsticks!

Dear Mike Connolly: I would like to get Miss Eartha Kitt's address because I think she is a Beautiful Lady.—S.J., Houston.

Dear S.J.: Since private addresses aren't allowed to be given out, I can suggest you write to Miss Kitt c/o The Screen Actors Guild, 7046 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 46, California. This address is good for any and all actors.

Dear Mike: Jack Warner gave Julie Andrews' role in "My Fair Lady" to Audrey Hepburn and her role in "Camelot" to Vanessa Redgrave. At this point, what does Miss Andrews think of Mr. Warner? Also, who will portray Dolly in the movie version of "Hello, Dolly"?—I.M.B., Houston.

Dear I.M.B.: At this point Julie thinks nothing of Mr. Warner. As for "Dolly," it will be a toss-up between Doris Day and Carol Channing now that Carol is so terrific in her movie with Julie Andrews, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Unless Julie gets in there and surprises all of us!

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

Harpist on Program for ECC Concert

Harpist Susan McDonald will appear in concert at the El Camino Campus Theater Friday evening at 8:30 in the second of the season's "Concerts on the King's Highway" series.

Miss McDonald is affiliated with the University of Arizona as artist-in-residence and is a member of the faculty at Cal State Los Angeles.

She is recognized as one of the harp's foremost exponents and has studied and performed in many parts of the world.

Tickets for the performance are on sale at the El Camino bookstore or will be available at the box office Friday evening.

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

A Moonlighting Swinger

That's what's going on these nites at the Vermont Drive-In and the San Pedro Drive-In theatres, for your information but if you decide to make it, be sure and leave the kids at home.

Along with "Moonlighting Wives," which is in full color, is the companion film "A New Kind of Love" starring Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward as well as Maurice Chevalier, Thelma Ritter and Eva Gabor. Now how's that strike you! This one, too, is in color but we still maintain, it's adult fare, strictly. Also, if you happen to be listed among the prudish and/or shy people, don't go!

It's a good double-bill but keep in mind the word ADULT! Even if you're over 21 it doesn't necessarily follow that you're adult. Well, are you?

Now here's something that may be a little more up your alley. It's "One-Eyed Jacks" with Marlon Brando playing tonight through Sunday at the Roadium Drive-in. "All the Way" with "Frankie" is the second billing.

Then on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday catch "Torn Curtain" (Now why didn't they star Rip Torn in this one!) and

Paintings by San Pedro artist Ann P. Coker are being featured this month in the rental and sales gallery of the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association.

Paintings by Mrs. Coker have been exhibited in the National Orange Show, the annual show at Newport Beach, and the Los Angeles County Fair, as well as the San Pedro Art Association and the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association.

Mrs. Coker also has had two one-man shows and displayed her works in several group shows. A large painting, "Reflected Tug," recently was purchased for the new auditorium of the Taper Avenue School in San Pedro and in 1961 "Fogbound Frigate" was purchased for the Crestwood School in that city.

She has studied at the University of Southern California and Harbor College and with such artists as Leonard Edmondson, Virgil Bullock, Jarl Havlena, Robert Frame, and Gordon Wagner.

The art rental and sales gallery is located at 405 Via Chico in Palos Verdes Estates. It is open from 1 to 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. each Saturday.

"Dark Intruder" at the same Drive-In.

Something else is going on in town, too and this is for adults OR kids.

If you missed the Ice Follies at the L.A. Arena, you've still got the rest of this week to catch it at the Long Beach Arena.

This superb entertainment—the widely acclaimed Shipsteads and Johnson New Ice Follies of 1967.

The stellar cast includes Richard Dwyer, Dorothyann Nelson, comic Mr. Frick, Ina Bauer from Germany, the world's invitational champ, Donald Jackson, The Williams Family, and a host of other well-known ice champions. Truly a delightful show for the entire family.

You can get tickets right at the Arena, Judkins Music Store, Disneyland Hotel or at all Wallace's Music City stores and Mutual agencies.

Made the short jaunt to the Valley last Saturday afternoon and watched the kids rehearsing the new show that opened last nite (Tuesday) at Al Saks Nob Hill Restaurant in Panorama City. Well, actually, it's in Van Nuys—You simply get off the San Diego Freeway at Rosco and go straight East to Van Nuys Blvd., make a sharp right turn and you're there.

Always said that rehearsals are fun, catching all the boobies, but when they hit that stage for the regular nites shows, you can bet there're no boob-boys at the Nob Hill.

The new show headlines the always popular Bonnie West and there'll be several new faces, like Terry Reilly, Lonnie Burr and Anita Aquino. Dahr Mitchell and Bob Romanak are held over.

You'll catch tunes from such smashes as "Funny Girl," "South Pacific," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Pajama Game." Just waltz right on in there and meet genial owner-operator Al Saks or manager-manager Lenny Rodrigues. You'll have a ball at the Nob Hill, both for entertainment AND food.

Southern California's finest Flamenco dancers, the graceful dance of Spain are luring the guests at the Flamenco Room of Bill Fremont's Matador Restaurant in West L.A. these nites.

Pedro Tirado of Spain headlines the current show at this fine Latin dine-outery with his haunting and exciting songs and dances. Pedro has been held over for many months and has become highly popular with aficionados of the art.

Dancers Doria Valerga and Esther Moreno, guitarists and singers David London and Maria del Rey along with pianist Manuel Garcia Mateos, round out the rest of this sparkling cast.

All this entertainment plus the delightful foods-of-Spain makes for a well rounded evening at The Matador. And when you can have your food served by such helpfully efficient people as Juan, Roberto, the goldust twins Harry and Terry, Juan and Lalo, you know you're getting the best service available. And let's not forget our old buddy "Hope" when we pass out the laurels. Would you believe his full name is Julius Capers Hope? Well, it is and "what a cat" this one is. (Rabid Dodger fan, by the way.)

There's always a goodly crowd at The Matador and you may have to wait for your table at times, however, never fear. There's ample space at the cocktail bar and lounge,



SATCHMO!—It's the Yankee Doodle Grandee of Jazz heading a cast of jazz-bent cats Saturday nite at Disneyland. (Satchmo was born on July 4th, y'know, in 1900.)

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Before we forget . . . did you know that this Saturday nite is to be Dixieland at Disneyland. Well it is and it stars the Ole Satchmo himself—Louis Armstrong.

On the same bill it'll be Bob Crosby and his Bobcats, Turk Murphy and his Jazz Band. The Firehouse Five plus two, The Young Men From New Orleans and Doc Souchon with his New Orleans All-Stars. Now how jazzy do you want 'em!

Add to this fine group of music-makers . . . Nellie Lutcher plus the Southern California Hot Jazz Society Marching Band and you've got yourself quite an evening. If you call like NOW you can get your ticket for \$5.50 but if you wait 'til Saturday it'll cost you a buck more and it entitles you to your admission to Disneyland and unlimited use of all Disneyland adventures and attractions.



FIRE ON ICE—The World Premiere of the Ice Follies of 1967 features Ina Bauer, Nordic goddess of beauty, showing through Sunday at Long Beach Arena.

That is, all except the Shooting Galleries. If you need more info on this, call Marty Cooper at MA 6-8605 or KE 3-4456 and he'll be glad to help you out.

Breakfast Will Honor Ted Kennedy

Mrs. Gordon Phillips will head a delegation from Torrance Saturday when Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy is honored by the women's division of the Committee to Re-Elect Governor Brown.

Kennedy will be the guest of honor at a breakfast, to be held at 9 a.m. at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Reservations for the breakfast may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Phillips at 2422 Torrance Blvd., or by mailing a request to her at 20545 Madison St. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for teenagers and children.

WYOMING PICNIC SET
The Wyoming State Society of California will hold its fall picnic Sunday, Oct. 16, in Sycamore Grove Park, 4702 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles. Families may bring their own lunches or take advantage of a catering service at the park.

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