

# Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: Why doesn't Betty Davis act her age? First nonsense in "Baby Jane" and now I see she's wearing pig-tails in "Sweet Charlotte." — Esther Haeck, Oklahoma Okla

Dear Esther: She's going way over her age in her next, "The Nanny." It's about a 70-year-old baby-sitter from London and she'll shoot it in London for Seven Arts.

Dear Sir: How many packs of cigarettes per day was Nat "King" Cole smoking before he entered St. John's Hospital for lung cancer? — Art Simon, Hoyleton, Ill.

Dear Art: Five packs, minimum, and no messing around with filter-tips either. Nat, May God rest him, smoked them right down to the last gasp.

Dear Mike: I just saw Ann Southern on "The Lucy Show" and was wondering—is she pregnant or has she put on a great deal of weight? — Charlotte Pichette, Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Charlotte: She's overweight and claims it's "gladular" but my spies on the set say she just ADORES those five-pound boxes of chocolates she receives from an admirer.

Dear Sir: Jim Backus' humor eludes me. I recently read the book he wrote about his European trip ("Where Do We Go After the Orgy?") wasn't that the title?—and it was not only unfunny, it was downright depressing. — Albert French, New York City.

Dear Albert: I have a feeling you were disappointed because the title misled you. Don't be fooled by Jean-Paul Sartre's "Saint Genet," man—it's a gasser.

Dear Mike: WHY did Ringo get married? I have always been a Beatle fan. Now I could kill myself. — Bridget Rotes, Boston, Mass.

Dear Bridget: When Ringo Starr reached the ripe old age of 24 he decided it was time he got married and I don't blame him. Buckety-buckin' around the world for movies and concerts with three other guys is something that goes way back to an old movie called "Orchestra Wives," and I'm sure you wouldn't want your idol to stay THAT square all his life. Don't kill yourself, Bridget: I gather from your letter that you're still in your teens, so there'll be a new musical combo along any day now, if not with long hair with some other gimmick that'll set you and the other disappointed beatle-buffs squealing your heads off like you NEVER squealed for Ringo.

Dear Mike: What is wrong with you members of our so-called older generation? Can you give me one good reason why you don't like The Beatles? Any teenage American girl can give you at least three why you should: these four fab guys are great sing-

WHOLE letter! — Darlene Savorese, Fulton, N.Y.

Dear Darlene: I'm not down their back, their hair is.

Dear Mike: With all the emphasis on colored singers today, I think it might be refreshing to hear Virginia Kog again. Where has her agent buried her? She is a Japanese singer who was working on the nightclub circuit a few years ago. I felt sure she was destined for stardom. Please dig her up again — she was funnier than Bob Hope! — Kiki Simiyako, Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Kiki: I remember Virginia doing a one-night

here and you're right, she was very funny. Maybe this will get a rise out of her. Come out, Virginia, wherever you are.

Dear Mr. C.: I read in your column that John Lennon bought a Ford car. He did not. He bought a Rolls for his wife, Cynthia, and this was the first car he ever had. How could he sell a Ford car which he did not have? Don't write things that aren't true. — Marie Hawkins, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Marie: John owned eight cars. He is down to seven since he sold the Ford. I wouldn't lie about a Beagle or anybody else, baby — not

knowingly, anyway — for all the royalties and admissions on "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" and "A Hard Day's Night" combined.

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

Army Warrant Officer Lowell T. Rannum, whose wife Dolores, lives at 21005 Donora Ave., was assigned to the U. S. Army Support Command, Vietnam, Feb. 13, as a helicopter pilot.

Rannum entered the Army in January 1964 and was last stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. He is a 1957 graduate of Torrance High School.

## Schmidt Heads Committee for Chamber Feast

John O. Schmidt has been named to chair the annual banquet of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Tentative plans are to hold the banquet Friday, June 25, at the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.

Schmidt said the banquet committee has already begun meetings and hopes to announce details of the banquet shortly.

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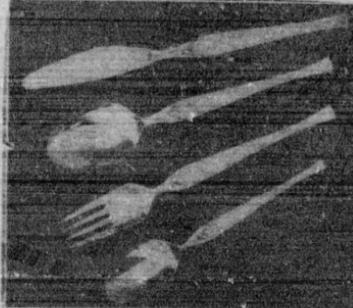
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