# Entertainment Outlook



## ASK DICK KLEINER

#### Are the Sarandons related?

By Dick Kleiner

O. Just curious - is Chris Sarandon related to Susan Sarandon in any way? - G.W., Houston.

A. No more, but they used to be married.

Q. What happened to the hound dog on "Hee Haw"? - G.H.W., Vicksburg. Miss.

A. Buford, the canine in question, passed away a few years ago. He is in hound dog heaven, happily burying bones in the clouds.

Q. Many years ago, I read (and soon after heard) that Bernadette Peters and Steve Martin were married. But never again have I read or heard that Mass.

time, but eventually broke up. They never married.



Susan Sarandon



James Coco

Q. At the end of '87, I saw an epithey were married. C.C., Andover, sode of "Who's the Boss?" that was a tribute to the late James Coco. But. A. You probably read (and soon af- much later, I saw "Hot Potato" and ter heard) that they might get mar- Coco was on that game show. Did he ried. They went together a long, long really die and, if so, when? - M.B.W., Galesburg, Mich.

A. Yes, Jimmy Coco died in 1987.

The "Hot Potato" show you saw was a tures. Now I am 60, and I still like

Q. In August, I watched "Hee Haw" and there was a singer called K.D. Lang. I have seen this person several L.M., Greenwood, S.C. times before. What I want to know is - is this person a man or a woman? I Bill, was born Vicksburg, Mo., in 1904. say it's a man because there is noth. He died in 1965. ing about this entertainer that represents a woman. The hands, face and Greene, who used to play the father actions are all manish. - Mrs. D.B., on "Bonanza," die? - G.D., Middle-St. Charles, Mich.

A. The folks in Nashville, who pro-

is not only a woman, but a very femi- lywood, Fia.

them. My favorite was Wild Bill Elliott. I would like to know if he is still living and where he was born. -

A. Gordon Nance, who became Wild

Q. Please tell me - did Lorne port. Oblo.

Q. My question is, of the "Laugh-In" duce "Hee Haw," say they find your comedy team of Dan Rowan and Dick question amazing. Their answer: "She Martin, which one died? - P.R., Hoi-

nine and very sweet woman, at that." Q. Please settle a small disagree-Q. When I was a girl, I liked to go to ment. We read about Eileen Brenthe movies to see all the cowboy pic- nan's accident. I thought she recov-

ered, but my son said she died. I do hope he is mistaken. - Mrs. O.R., Muskegon, Mich.

A. Mrs. R's son, happily, erred. Eileen Brennan did recover. Lorne Greene and Dan Rowan, however, have passed away.

Q. Please settle a long-term "debate" my husband and I have had. We know Nanette Fabray and Shelley Fabares are ount and piece, respectively. Are their last names pronounced the same? - C.C.H., North Andover, Mass.

A. Yes. The family name was Fabares, correctly pronounced Fab-ray. Nanette, early in her career, Anglicized the spelling.



#### **VIDEO BEAT**

Tuning in to rock

Ethlie Ann Vare

### Word-of-mouth tells of 'Trip'

By Ethlie Ann Vare

You mean you haven't seen Suicidal Tendencies' "Trip at the Brain" video yet? With the brain-barbecue scene? The stripteasing nun scene? And the insane psychiatrist scene?

Don't feel bad. You're not alone. "Actually," says an Epic Records staffer, "we were hoping it would get banned entirely."

More likely, the clip will show up on regional video shows and maybe on MTV's "120 Minutes." That's just fine with Suicidal front-man Mike Muir.

"All we need is for one person to tap . off the television," says Muir. "It : he'll show it to his friends, and his freends will tell their friends about it. That's how we've always sold our records."

The word-of-mouth concept has worked well for the Venice, Calif.based thrash band: Their two previous independent LPs have sold almost half a million copies over the last five years. Whether that underground success will translate to a major-label track record remains to be seen.

A coda to this story: The band's initial fame came from the controver-

sial video for their single "Institutionalized," one of the earliest works by the directorial team of Fisher & Preachman.

Unfortunately, "Trip at the Brain" will be the last work by the video duo; they disbanded immediately after the shoot.

. Half of the Fisher and Preachman directing team, Bill Fishman (the other half is Preacher Ewing) has finally finished "Tapeheads," the feature film he started three years ago. Produced by former Monkee and video pioneer Michael Nesmith, the movie is a comedy set in the world of, what else, music video.

Starring John Cusack and Tim Robbins, "Tapeheads" includes cameo performances by everyone from Junior Walker and Jello Blafra to Lyle Alzado and Martha Quinn. The sound track features such unlikely entrants as Fishbone, the Circle Jerks, Thelonlus Monster and Stiv Bator.

The bad news is ... the movie doesn't really work. While at times it approaches a "Spinal Tap" satire of the MTV mentality, most of the time it settles for "Hairspray" kitsch.

Much of the blame falls on a plodding script, which was the brainchild of non-writers Fishman and Peter McCarthy. Oddly enough, Fishman and McCarthy first met at the shoot Tendencies' Suicidal "Institutionalized."

· Music for smart people: South African superstars Johnny Clegg and Savuka will embark upon a national tour in November with singer-songwriter Toni Childs. Check it out.

Also heading for a U.S. tour are a newly humbled Duran Duran (their latest video, "I Don't Want Your Love," recently premiered). Word is that the former teeny-bopper idols will undertake this trek via - gasp! - bus





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