

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. I am a lady of 84 years, and I love to make people laugh. In these trying times, a smile really comes in handy. Could you please tell me how I might become a guest on Johnny Carson's show? This is a long-time dream of mine — I.D., McRae, Ariz.

A. A dream is a wonderful thing — but you are dreaming what is probably an impossible dream. However, the best way would be for you to get a videotape of yourself being funny and send it to the Carson show at NBC, in Burbank, Calif., and see what they think. Keep on dreaming — it probably helps keep you young.

Q. In movies with language that's bad, why do people say "adult language" when all adults don't use it and some kids do? — C.S., (age 10), Center Ridge, Ark.

A. That has come to be the easy way of describing bad language, although, as you say, it is not always an accurate way. It's like saying some behavior is "childish," although sometimes children behave in a more grown-up way than adults.

Q. My husband and I are trying to remember where we've seen a man who played a major drug kingpin on an episode of "Miami Vice." The credits gave his name as Joe Santos. I seem to remember him being on another police-type show. — J.H., Comstock Park, Mich.

A. Santos was Det. Dennis Becker, an old pal of Jim Rockford (James Garner) on "The Rockford Files."

Q. Can you tell me if there has been a production of "The Lord of the Rings"? "The Hobbit" was wonderful, but I also seem to remember seeing "The Lord of the Rings." But I can't find it in video stores. — A.W., Roseburg, Ore.

A. An animated version of "The Lord of the Rings," by Ralph Bakshi, was made in 1978, and it is out on cassette.

Chena opens Club 2000's gala affair

The long-awaited opening of Club 2000 May 5 featured up-and-coming singer Chena in a gala affair.

The elegant touch promised by Club 2000 owner Albert Euteneier was delivered in the form of sparkling lights and mirrors on a white interior by New York designer Ivan Pavlou.

The once fashionable Burgundy Club, as it was known in the 1960s, has been transformed into a futuristic design.

The night also featured a Club 2000 dance review, scheduled to be a regular fixture.

Club 2000 intends to sign international acts to bring people from the surrounding areas including Brampton and Mississauga, and Chena kicked it off with a disco-pop beat.

Amid dry ice and much anticipation Chena took the stage at 11:30 p.m. cheerfully bouncing around the huge stage so the whole semi-circular club could take in the feature act.

After knocking off a few numbers, Club 2000's own dance review took the stage. Chena returned again at 1:30.

Chena landed her debut 12 inch single "ESP" on the charts in early 1988. Now, on the heels of that hit, Chena has returned with "Promisis."

The 19-year-old was born in Panama and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Chena set her sights on a show business career while still in elementary school. Underneath the energetic exterior Chena portrays on stage lies a shrewd businesswoman.

While attending the School of Fashion Industries Chena began auditioning for commercials. However, she still worked hard on her studies of fashion, which she readily admits is one of her consuming passions.

Chena's big break came when she received the opportunity to audition for Don Oriolo, Susan Bader and Glen Dorsey, three leading producers. Oriolo was so impressed with Chena's personality and singing that he booked studio time immediately and recorded her first hit — "ESP."

Her new album is expected to be a hit in the dance club scene.

When Chena goes on tour she promises a high energy show with choreography and dancers.

For those of you not at the gala opening of Club 2000 Friday, there'll be plenty of opportunity to take in some name acts, including Liberty Silver, who is the next headliner at the club.



"Chena"
Chena pranced around the stage in her energetic style at the gala opening of Club 2000 in Norval Friday. The newly opened club is decked out with mirrors in the white interior and features a state-of-the-art lighting and sound system. (Herald photo)

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