

# How old is the 'River Kwai' tune?

## ASK DICK KLEINER



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**Q.** I saw the 1938 movie "The Lady Vanishes," with Michael Redgrave, last night. In it, he whistled the tune "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Yet "The Bridge on the River Kwai" didn't come out until the '50s. Is the tune that old? — V.A.B., Lawrence, Mass.

**A.** Older than that. "The Col. Bogey March," to give it its correct title, is a very old English piece. It dates back to the era when the English were fighting in India, maybe even before.

**Q.** Please tell me where we know Gary Cole of "Midnight Caller" from. We have seen him before, but cannot place him. — G.P., Buffalo, Texas.

**Q.** Has the person who plays the talk show host on "Midnight Caller" ever starred on "Family Ties"? What is his real name? — W.O., Houston.

**Q.** Could you please tell me something about the star of "Midnight Call-

er"? He looks so much like Marc Singer. Are they related? — P.P., Grand Rapids, Mich.

**A.** Gary Cole, who plays talk show host Jack Killian on "Midnight Caller," was never on "Family Ties," and he is not related to Marc Singer. He was primarily a Chicago-based performer until he played the lead in the TV movie "Fatal Vision," the story of the ex-Green Beret doctor accused of murdering his family. His other TV appearances include "Heart of Steel," "Echoes in the Darkness," "Vital Signs" and "Those She Left Behind."



Gary Cole



Darnell Williams

**Q.** I am a James Bond fan. You know, Agent 007. Do you know who played Bond in "Her Majesty's Favorite Mission"? — C.E., Reading, Pa.

**A.** You'll have to do better than that if you want to be a spy. It was called "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." George Lazenby played Bond in that one.

**Q.** What happened to Darnell Williams of "All My Children"? Why did he leave? — C.H., North Little Rock, Ark.

**A.** Darnell Williams, the show's people tell me, left on his own volition "to pursue other interests."

**Q.** I am desperate! No one is able to help me. In 1975, a movie called "Winterhawk" was released. What happened to it? It was popular among several of my friends and we can't find out what happened to it. I would love to see it again. — V.H., Joplin, Mo.

**A.** It was released, was shown and ran its course. It wasn't popular with many people outside your group, however, and so it has not been issued on cassette. You may catch it on a late show, but even that is unlikely.

**Q.** My sister and I are convinced that Dana Delaney of "China Beach" and Kathleen Layman of "Heartland" have to be related. Are they? — B.K., McGregor, Iowa.

**A.** No.  
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# Encouraging amateur video-makers

## VIDEO BEAT



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For the fifth time in seven years, Sony Corp. will recognize the talents of amateur video-makers in its not-exactly-annual Visions Video Contest.

Visions was open to video consumers who create their own entries on 1/2-inch VHS, standard Beta or 8mm camcorders. About 600 entries were received this year in Music, Experimental, Fiction and Non-fiction categories. The American Film Institute pre-qualifies the candidates, then a

celebrity panel awards the grand prizes.

The likes of Quincy Jones, Laurie Anderson and Francis Ford Coppola sit on the final judges' dais; Video Beat came along this year as a semifinal judge. The entries — especially those submitted in the under-17-year-old category — were really quite stunning, utilizing computer animation, special effects and montage imagery with minimal budget and maximum creativity. This is where the next generation of video stars is aborning.

The grand prizes will be awarded at a Los Angeles banquet in August, and you may have a chance to see some of the award-winning videos when they tour schools and media exhibits nationwide.

• An official "Parents Seal of Disapproval" has been pasted onto the front of "Crash and Burn," a new heavy metal video compilation. The cassette, from Metal Blade Records (\$9.95), features songs by Heretic, Fate's Warning, Sacred Reich and others to footage of car crashes, hurricanes, cyclones and raging floods.

• Los Angeles bar-burner Mojo Nixon is cast to type as the drummer in Jerry Lee Lewis' band for the bio-pic "Great Balls of Fire." And that's only the start of the good-humored bluesman's film career.

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