

Entertainment Outlook

Did Prince sing 'Batman' in 1966?

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. Please settle an argument between my family and me. Tell them that Prince sang the theme song to the 1966 "Batman," using the name "Nelson Riddle." — M.P., Spring, Texas

A. I'd like to oblige, but I can't — in 1966, Prince was only 8 years old. Credit Neal Hefti (not Nelson Riddle, another popular conductor-composer) for the 1966 "Batman" musical theme. Of course, Prince sings the theme to the 1989 "Batman."

Q. My husband thinks it is quite possible he served in the Army with Danny Glover, but since faces change over a 20-year period, it's hard to know for sure. Can you please tell me how old Danny is and if he ever served in the Army and, if so, what unit? — Mrs. W.B., Hobe Sound, Fla.

A. Danny is 41, but he never served in the Army.

Q. Who played Webster's parents in the TV show "Webster"? They were

married in real life, and I think the father was an ex-football player. — R.M., DeLand, Fla.

A. You're right. Susan Clark and Alex Karras were Webster's folks; they were married, and Karras was a former pro football star.

Q. I've heard that the Monkees once starred in a movie. Is this true? — Unsigned, Carthage, Mo.

A. Hard to believe, but, yes, it's true. The movie, called "Head," was released in 1969.

Q. I have a bet with a friend at work. He says that Sean Connery was the first James Bond. I say it was George Lazenby. — S.E.T., Allegan, Mich.

A. You're both wrong — but you are more wrong than your friend. Barry Nelson first played James Bond on TV. When the character became a movie star, Sean Connery was first, in "Dr. No," in 1963. When Connery stepped down, Lazenby did one Bond picture, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," in 1969.

Q. Ever since I watched "Leave It to Beaver," I've always wanted to know why Theodore is called "Beaver." Or maybe, there wasn't a real reason. — R.B., Sugarland, Texas.

A. Bob Mosher and Joe Connelly, who created that series, once told me that they felt the name, Beaver, carried with it an image of a small and friendly creature. Also, it rhymed

with the family's last name — Cleaver. And Jerry Mathers, who played the part, had a sort of buck-toothed, beavery look.

Q. On "AfterM*A*S*H," David Ackroyd played two separate roles of men who were amputees. Is he an amputee in real life? — T.R., Providence, R.I.

A. No.

Q. Whatever happened to Randolph Scott, Joel McCrea and Jeanne Crain? — G.H.G., Burlington, Mass.

A. Joel McCrea, who is 83 years old, and Jeanne Crain, 64, are both still living — they are basically retired. Randolph Scott died in 1987.

OUR LANGUAGE

by Jeffrey McQuain

Q. Should you say "Some of (whatever) is" or "Some of (whatever) are"?

A. The answer depends on whether the "(whatever)" is singular or plural. "Some of the money is missing" correctly uses the singular is; on the other hand, "Some of the coins are valuable" requires the plural are. (Some of the rules of English are — not "is" — easier to remember than others.)

Night Ranger scatters

ROCK ON



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and you can expect a debut LP sometime in 1990.

Guitarist Brad Gillis has formed a new band called Mega Mega. Drummer Kelly Keagy is writing new material, and deciding whether he wants to do a solo project or form another band. And guitarist Jeff Watson is taking some time off while he mulls over where to best utilize his talents.

Dear Rock On: You wanted to know what your readers think of your column? Well, this reader thinks it's great! I find out things I'd never know from watching MTV or reading rock magazines.

There's one thing I'd like to see you cover — recently, one of my favorite bands, Night Ranger, broke up. The guys in Night Ranger always stayed true to themselves; their music and their fans; it's upsetting that a group with so much talent got so little notice.

I'd like to know what the guys from Night Ranger are up to. Fans like me will stand behind them, whatever they do. I'd appreciate seeing them get some mention in the press, too! — Ann-Marie, Altoona, Pa.

Dear Ann-Marie: A little flattery will get you everywhere. Here's an update on the Night Ranger folk:

Frontman Jack Blades has joined forces with former Styx-ian Tommy Shaw and with the Motor City Madman, Ted Nugent, to form a band called Damn Yankees. They're now negotiating with Warner Brothers,

Dear Rock On: Tom Petty has been my favorite artist since his LP "Damn the Torpedoes." Lately, he's been earning the wide recognition he so deserves.

I was disturbed to hear something about Tom having filed for bankruptcy in the late '70s. Could you give me some information on that situation? Were these financial troubles resolved? — Brent, Clarks Summit, Pa.

Dear Brent: It was while he was getting ready to record "Damn the Torpedoes" in mid-'79 that Petty filed for bankruptcy, a situation that came about because his recording contract was trapped in a legal snafu between the former label, ABC Records, and his new one, MCA Records.

Everything worked out in time for the LP's release, and as you know the disc went on to be a smash hit. Still, financial difficulties were nothing new to Petty. As one old friend recalled, "When he was with his first band, Mudcrutch, he used to sleep at the Shelter Records studio. You had to climb over Joe Cocker to get to him!"



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Indict ("in-DITE") accuses or charges with a crime. To leave out the c when spelling indict would, of course, be criminal.

Someone parsimonious ("par-sih-MOAN-ee-us") is stingy or miserly. Here's a spelling rule that's simple: look for the simple Simon in parsimonious.

Q. You wrote that a sentence can sometimes be a single word. How can that be possible, though, when a sentence needs both a subject and a verb?

A. A sentence can consist of a single word, if that word is a verb in the imperative mood and its subject is implied. For example, "Go!" is a complete sentence, with the subject ("you") implied. Should you be using several one-word sentences in your writing? Stop!

Do you have a question or comment about our language? Please write to Jeffrey McQuain, in care of this paper.

Avert turns aside or prevents. If you were planning to use this verb in any other sense, avert that catastrophe.

Someone surly is bad-tempered or irritable. Surely the best clue for spelling surly is to drop the e from surely.

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