

Was Slim Pickens a happy camper? OUR LANGUAGE

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. Back in the early 40s, I saw a movie with Lucille Ball. She played in the Air Force Cadet Academy and they sang the song "Buckle Down Winsockt." Can you give me the name of that movie? — H.J.E., Scottsbluff, Neb.

A. That was the lively 1943 musical "Best Foot Forward," which also introduced June Allyson to films. If you want to see it again, it's available on videocassette.

Q. When my dad was a boy, he went to church camp with a boy from Hot Springs, Arkansas. They were inseparable at camp and caused a lot of mischief. The boy's name was Slim Pickens. My dad never saw him after that camp and has wondered if it is possible he became the famous actor, Slim Pickens. Did the actor come from Arkansas? Is he still living? — T.F., Benton, Ar.

A. Despite Slim Pickens' country accent and country ways, he was a Californian. His real name was Louis Lindley, and he was not from Arkansas. He died in 1983.

Q. Why don't we see Benny Hill on TV any more? Has he been canceled, retired or expired? — L.L.N., Morgantown, W.V.

A. Benny Hill, who has neither retired nor expired, may have been canceled by your local station. His is a syndicated show that local stations buy. It is up to the local station to keep running the program, or to cancel. So, you will have to ask the station in your area about the program.

Q. In the TV show "Roseanne," is the little boy, called D.J., Roseanne Barr's real life son? He looks just like her and has a lot of her expressions. — L.D., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. No. Michael Fishman, who plays D.J., is not a Barr.



Michael Fishman



Benny Hill

Q. In the early 50s, there was a TV show called "The Texas Rangers." The hero was named Jace. My husband and I liked the name, and called our first-born Jace. Our son is now 28, and there are a lot of Jases around. But he is just Jace. My husband thinks the man on "The Texas Rangers" was also Jason, not Jace. — K.S., Belmont, N.C.

A. The show's official title was "Tales of the Texas Rangers," and the cast lists Ranger Jace Pearson (played by Willard Parker). It is possible Jace was just a nickname, but no way of telling for sure at this late date.

Q. There is a million dollars riding on this answer. Does one of the actors who portrayed a policeman on "Adam 12," now star in the soap "Loving"? — N.S., Canton, Ohio.

A. No. Randolph Mantooth of "Loving" was a frequent guest on "Adam 12," but he was not a regular. The regular "Adam 12" policemen were Martin Milner, Kent McCord, William Boyett and Gary Crosby.
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Percent of music consumers who "like" or "strongly like" music by type and age, 1988

Age	Pop	Hard Rock	Heavy Metal	Country	Jazz	Classical	New Age	Folk	Rap
12 to 15	65	66	51	23	30	19	35	5	61
16 to 17	69	69	51	32	33	36	36	10	52
18 to 20	63	72	36	30	44	39	31	12	40
21 to 24	74	61	26	44	58	49	38	21	27
25 to 34	69	52	20	54	54	54	38	33	13
35 to 44	72	35	10	61	54	66	34	58	17
45 and older	68	12	7	74	61	73	23	67	10

Source: Sounddata NEA GRAPHICS

Pop music is liked by the widest range of ages, according to a recent survey. More than 60 percent of all respondents in all age groups said they either "like" or "strongly like" it. Rap and heavy metal, on the other hand, have a very limited appeal to people age 35 and older.

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