



on entertainment

with Debbey Wysocki

Winners of the "People's Choice Awards" were announced at the 12th annual awards show, telecast live from the Santa Monica Civic auditorium on the CBS network (Channel 22).

"The People's Choice Awards" is produced by Bob Precht and directed by Walter C. Miller, with Pierre Cosette serving as executive producer.

John Denver hosted the awards ceremony honoring "America's favorites" in entertainment as ascertained in a special survey conducted by the Gallup Organization.

Intentions are commendable, but are such surveys, polls, and the ratings true indicators of American sentiment? How qualitative and quantitative can they be when the technique usually employed is random sampling? Much dissatisfaction has been voiced about the limiting factors inherent in such systems.

In regard to the "People's Choice," perhaps a better approach would be a write-in campaign or a call-in method similar to the one used periodically by "Entertainment Tonight." This would enable everyone the opportunity to cast votes and consequently, a higher degree of accuracy might be achieved in the results.

Everyone must realize that writing a fan letter or belonging to a fan club is highly indicative of interest, and is far more time-consuming than simply casting a vote. For the sake of interest, some background information is provided as a basis of comparison to the results of the "People's Choice" poll.

According to data compiled by author Michael Levine, Michael J. Fox is TV's reigning fan mail champ, receiving an average of 21,000 letters a week. Fox was nominated in the favorite motion picture category along with Clint Eastwood and Sylvester Stallone.

Number two in fan mail is Bill Cosby (20,500 letters per week); fifth is Don Johnson (11,000 letters per week); and seventh is Phillip

Michael Thomas (10,000). Both Cosby and Johnson were nominated for "People's Choice Awards"; Thomas was not.

In the female TV performer category, nominees were Joan Collins, Linda Evans, and Phylcia Ayers-Allen Rashad. In Levine's listing, Collins and Evans were third and fourth with fan letters averaging 18,000-19,000. Rashad was not in the top 10, but Victoria Principal (11,000) and Donna Mills (9,500) were.

Receiving nominations in the TV dramatic program category were the highly popular "Dynasty" and "Miami Vice", but "Hill Street Blues" nominated at the exclusion of "Cagney & Lacey" is the one program on television which has managed to stay on the air due to the "people's choice." It is a show that can boast of 14 American fan clubs and 11 foreign ones. Interest is so high and fans so active that the production company had to limit the amount of fan clubs it would officially sanction.

Bearing these interesting tidbits in mind, readers can now consider this year's winners of the "People's Choice Awards":

- Female TV Performer - Linda Evans
- Male TV Performer - Bill Cosby
- Young TV Performer - Emmanuel Lewis
- TV Comedy Program - "The Cosby Show"
- Male Performer in a New TV Program - Bruce Willis
- Female Performer in a New TV Program - Cybill Shepherd
- Favorite woe Comedy Program - "The Golden Girls"
- New TV Dramatic Program - "Dynasty II: The Colbys"
- All-Around Female Entertainer - Barbara Mandrell, Meryl Streep (tie)
- TV Dramatic Program - "Dynasty", "Miami Vice" (tie)
- Motion Picture Actress - Meryl Streep
- Motion Picture Actor - Sylvester Stallone
- Motion Picture - "Back to the Future"
- New Song - "We Are the World"
- Male Musical Performer - Bruce Springsteen
- Female Musical Performer - Madonna
- Country Music Performer - Kenny Rogers
- Classical Music Performer - Luciano Pavarotti
- All-Around Male Entertainer - Bill Cosby

(Debbey Wysocki is the entertainment writer for The Dallas Post.)



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Dazzled Scouts

Girl Scouts from the Lake-Noxen Elementary School were dazzled last week by Frank G. Savaro of Clarks Summit who performed his rendition of Pinocchio for them.

With Joan Kingsbury

Around town

MARCH IS "Mental Retardation Awareness Month" which pays tribute to the work and activities of the Association of Retarded Citizens.

ARC helps retarded citizens live useful lives. Activities planned for March include a banner-raising, an award ceremony, to honor client service professionals, a disco dance party, and an estate planning ceremony for parents of handicapped children.

In bygone years retarded persons were prevented from living as productive lives as possible due to lack of education, and misunderstanding of their special needs. Now, how ever, great strides have been made in our understanding of these special people.

An example is the recent weekly ski program at Montage Ski Resort for mentally retarded adults. Certified instructors assisted them in learning how to overcome their disabilities, enabling them to enjoy this wonderful sport. This program was sponsored by The Luzerne County Recreation Department.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS FORTE of 197 S. Memorial Highway, Trucksville, announce the birth of their first child, Anthony Louis, on Sunday, March 2 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Mrs. Forte is the former Lynne Schoppaul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schoppaul of Fairfax, Va.

Mr. Forte is the son of Ann Forte and the late Louis Forte, Jr. of Dallas.

A spring christening is being planned.

RECENTLY NEIGHBORHOODS 24 and 25, Dallas and Shavertown Girl Scouts held a joint neighborhood event at Lake-Noxen Elementary School.

During the years I have been an assistant Girl Scout Leader I have attended many interesting neighborhood events but this one really stands out.

An international theme was used, with various Brownie and Junior troops displaying beautiful international exhibits.

Troops displayed items from Japan, Ireland, Wales. An Indian display and a United States display featured the best from our own country.

An outstanding professional puppet show, Pinocchio, delighted

the younger scouts while Cadette and Senior scouts prepared the multitude of international snack foods which were served following the program.

I STOPPED IN AT Sue Hand's Imagery the other day and was intrigued with the newest artistic addition to her shop, her SuStine ceiling.

The idea of decorating the ceiling of her shop with a block designed by each graduating senior was suggested by one of her students. Each student makes a hand print, writes what high school they are graduating from, where they are going to college and draws a picture that describes something about them.

It's fascinating to see the various blocks, each one telling a story of all its own.

Stop in and take a look!

FIVE MORE RESERVATIONS are available for the trip to the Lilly Langtry Dinner Theatre April 12, sponsored by Gate of Heaven Church. If you are interested, call Lorraine Hawk at 675-1626 or contact her at the church at 675-2121.

Daughter born to Browns

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown, 85 Tripp St., Forty Fort are happy to announce the birth of their second daughter, Brittany Lynn, on February 4 in General Hospital. She joins her 5½ year old sister, Nicole Lita, a student at Wyoming Seminary Lower School.

Mrs. Brown is the former Karen L. Givens, daughter of Jack and Beverly Ann (Stuart) Givens, Bunker Hill Road, Kingston Twp. She is employed in the office of Columbia Aviation, Forty Fort.

AS I WAS WRITING MY COLUMN, my son Billy was watching Hatchy Milatchy. Visitors on the show that day were Brownie Troop 665 of Shavertown. As they were showing the Brownies I spotted two of our students from Trinity Nursery School who were visiting Channel 16 with their big sisters, Dennis Brown with his sister, Rebecca Lynn and Gail Buzin with her sister, Lori were enjoying a visit with Miss Judy.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES TUCKER of Trucksville announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, March 4 at Geisinger-Wyoming Valley Hospital. The couple also has a son, Christopher, 5.

Mrs. Tucker is the former Christine Kern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kern, Dallas.

Mr. Tucker is the son of Mrs. Anne Tucker of Wilkes-Barre and the late Charles Tucker.

(Joan Kingsbury is a Back Mountain resident whose column appears weekly in The Dallas Post.)

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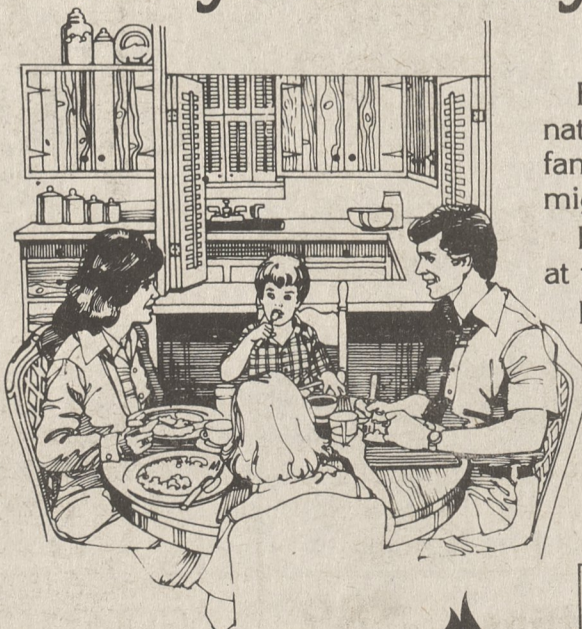
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