

# Poetry Corner

By Jane Penn

## "My Noisy Toys and Me"

Knock, knock, bang, clang  
are the sounds my toys make.  
Kling, clang, boom, bang,  
that's all my mom can take.  
Before she yells out, "Tommy, what on earth can it be?"  
I quickly yell back, "Mom, it's only my toys and me."

Jayne Penne'

## "Nightmare"

'Shoutin', screamin', talkin' out my head.  
A vision, a nightmare, I lay in my bed.  
I'm supposed to be sleeping, but it's invaded my dream  
with monsters trying to eat me, and oh how real it seems.

Jayne Penne'

## "The Dancin' Rain"

Pitter patter pitter patter  
dancin' quick the rain.  
Pitter patter pitter patter  
not two drops the same.  
Quickly! Quickly! Quickly!  
Run out and dance with it!  
Pitter patter pitter patter  
the rain decides to quit.

Jayne Penne'

## "Sip A Doo"

Skippin' in the yard  
skippin' down the street  
skip hop skippin',  
till me and friends meet.  
Skippin' to the corner  
skippin' to the store  
skip hop skippin',  
till I can skip no more.

Jayne Penne'

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# STARSCOPE

Clare Answell

WEEK OF: JULY 19, 1984

**AQUARIUS - January 21-February 19**  
New relationship, likely a platonic one, is spotlighted. Dealings with financial adviser are time-consuming but productive. Travel includes some delightful detours.

**PISCES - February 20-March 20**  
Travel is accented this week, for business, pleasure, or both. Romantic situation improves gradually — don't rush the matter. Family reunions offer opportunities for reconciliation.

**ARIES - March 21-April 20**  
The intellectual side of your relationship is currently highlighted. Be alert to trends in work environment as career path may be taking a gradual turn. Written agreement can be finalized.

**TAURUS - April 21-May 22**  
Platonic friendship is established or renewed through this period. If traveling, watch leaning toward excesses in the departments of food and sunshine. Domestic disagreement is resolved.

**GEMINI - May 23-June 21**  
You're chosen to arbitrate in a career or neighborhood dispute. In matters of friendship and romance, adaptability is essential. Domestic dilemma intensifies before solving itself.

**CANCER - June 22-July 22**  
Accent is on learning new things about old interests. Romance is in a temporary slump but you're almost too busy to notice. Visitors and hobbies are on current agenda.

**LEO - July 23-August 22**  
Career or other ideas are generally well-received — be sure you present them with imagination. Key friendship may be launched now. Creative interest proves surprisingly costly.

**VIRGO - August 23-September 22**  
Special interests may bring you in touch with people from faraway. Moneymaking opportunity should be studied before committing yourself. Family matters require prompt decision.

**LIBRA - September 23-October 22**  
If making any significant purchase, be sure to do careful consumer research. Loved one is more open-minded about your recent ideas. Sensible diet can be launched now.

**SCORPIO - October 23-November 21**  
Award or rewards come your way by the end of this period. Recent project is stalled and it may be time to move on to an all-new interest. Family member warms up to your ideas.

**SAGITTARIUS - November 22-December 22**  
Delayed family activities are back in motion by the weekend. Education plays a large part in week's program. A serious-minded friend astounds you with his/her current sense of fun.

**CAPRICORN - December 23-January 20**  
The theme this week is one of change. Travel plans may be revised, or a higherup may change his or her approach. A problematic relationship shows signs of dramatic recovery.

**BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK**  
You're generous with your money, your ideas, and most of all with your time. This year spend more of everything on yourself — carefully making a careful blueprint of your goals. Ingenuity is at an all-time high through the autumn months.

**BORN THIS WEEK**  
July 19th, singer Vikki Carr; 20th, actress Diana Rigg; 21st, actor Don Knotts; 22nd, actor Orson Bean; 23rd, singer Marie Cortez; 24th, actress Ruth Buzzi; 25th, composer Henri Lalonde.

# Teddy Pendergrass

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He had plenty of the right teachers -- the gospel singers in the Philadelphia churches his mother took him to, and the secular pros like Sammy Davis Jr. that performed in the restaurant where she worked. When the stage was empty, Teddy would give himself drum lessons on the headliners' kits.

Later on came all-city school choirs and the local band gigs. Shortly after his first professional job at age 15, Pendergrass was working steadily. Singing took a back seat when he took a job drumming for Philly favorites the Cadillacs.

That band, in turn, was hired

by Gamble and Huff discoveries Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. When the group went through personnel shifts in 1970, Pendergrass took over as lead singer. Not long after that, the Blue Notes hit their stride with a string of gritty R&B triumphs like "Bad Luck," "Wake Up Everybody" and "The Love I Lost," ranked by the "Rolling Stone Record Guide" "among the greatest disco-soul records of the middle Seventies, with hot tracks and a really ferocious vocal attack."

Pendergrass' sixth sense for his public undoubtedly played a part in his departure from the Blue

Notes in 1976. "Nobody has a crystal ball," he says, "but you have to try and be aware of the changes you'll need or want to make along the way. If you check, the public gives you signs, no matter how minute."

Sure enough, the signs for Pendergrass' solo career were "go" from the start -- the first album, "Teddy Pendergrass," was certified a platinum-seller.

Pendergrass was nominated for Grammys in '77, '78, and '81; given an American Music Award in '78 and the *Billboard* Pop Album New Artist Award in 1977; named the Best R&B Artist in 1980, and presented with

awards from the NAACP, *Ebony* magazine and the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum. He was also involved in charities and productions for other artists.

Most significantly, Pendergrass blossomed as a consummate signer, moving closer to the musical expression that had seemed possible to him from the start.

"In the beginning of my career," he recalls, "I was a very untamed animal, with something to prove. As you grow, you become more confident of what you can do and cannot do -- working in and around your limits and moving until you feel that there almost are no limits."

# Ask Yolonda

From Page B5

Besides, there are some antibiotics (such as penicillin) that can, if not monitored correctly, cause severe, or even fatal reactions. Pass this on to your friend.

**Dear Yolonda:** A friend told me that I could detect genital disease by using the following procedure: He takes a little bottle of lemon juice with him on all dates. Then, if sexual intercourse is in order, he takes the little bottle out, and rubs lemon juice on his date. If the intended partner has an open sore, as in herpes or something, it'll burn her, and she'll jump. Pass this one on.

M.J.

**Dear M.J.:** The authorities at the local Department of Health thought this one was worth passing on -- but only as something that added a little humor to their otherwise serious day. The lemon juice won't detect or deter sexually transmitted infections and diseases, plus, that's just plain crude.

**Dear Yolonda:** I read somewhere that gonorrhea is the second most prevalent infectious disease in the United States, only second to the common cold.

How do I protect myself from contracting VD?

Just as I do in dealing with the

common cold, I bundle up, and keep my clothes on, if you know what I mean.

Jim

**Dear Jim:** Thanks. I think we know what you mean.

**Dear Yolonda:** I'm a supervisor at a center for teen-age parents. We tell our people that if they must have sex, to use prophylactics. This is the only real way to protect themselves from transmitting various kinds of sexual diseases.

E.L.

**Dear E.L.:** Thank you for the sound advice.

**Dear Yolonda:** I bet you won't have the nerve to print this, but regarding your column on herpes, VD and all other sexually transmitted diseases, I believe that's God's way of showing people how sinful some of their sexual activities are. People have gone crazy with this sex thing, just having it with anyone, and everyone.

I bet I'll never see this in print.  
Joe T.

**Dear Joe:** It didn't take much nerve to print your letter. In fact, it's as sound as any other letter I received on this topic. Let's face it, you just might be right.

BRANDY MIKE CAMPBELL

BRANDY AND INDIA ARE FIGHTING!



WHY ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING?



I WAS JUST GETTING A CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE AND SHE HIT ME.

WHY DID YOU HIT HER BRANDY?



BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKING MY GOOD COOKIES... MY KEEBLERS!



# FINDIT!

Find 13 words beginning with the letter L. Words run across, down or diagonally in any direction. Word list below.

L I Z A R D L L  
U I T A I R A L  
M E B H E M B R  
B C O R G L E E  
E A N K A I L T  
R L C M L R L T  
S O B L A D Y E  
L D R A P O E L

Word list: Label, lace, lady, lamb, lap, lariat, letter, leopard, library, light, lizard, lock, lumber. Leftover letters give you one more L word.

By Cory

# WORDS & MEANINGS

Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition). Score yourself as follows:  
4 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair  
3 Correct-Good 1-0 Correct-Poor

1. Y A W R

A CAREFUL B CARELESS C BRIDGE  
Clue: Look before you leap

2. D E L T V

A MOUNTAIN B TREE C GRASSLAND  
Clue: Where the deer & the antelope play

3. B L I M O E

A WHEEL B CARRY C MOVEABLE  
Clue: Not having to stay in one place

4. R A C U L I E

A SHELF B EAR C WRIST  
Clue: Larning holder



Bennie McBride

## What can Bennie do?

- Match you to just the right new or used car at the right price.
- Make sure your new car fits your budget.
- Help you finance your new car at just the right monthly payment.
- Be available when you or your car need attention.

Bennie can do it all!

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