

FAMILY FARE

LET'S TALK

'Toxic Crusaders' features good guys in mutant clothing

By Sherry Jones

It's time to clean up our environment, and guess who's going to help us do it? Why, *The Toxic Crusaders*, of course!

This animated children's series debuts in syndication during the week of July 15th. The show stars Toxie, a good-guy mutant, and his band of hideous environmental accidents (Junkyard, Headbanger, Major Disaster and Nozone), who join forces to rid the world of crime, corruption and noxious chemicals.

As the story unfolds, we learn that Melvin Junko, a 98-pound weakling, was transformed into Toxie, a hideously deformed creature with superhuman strength and size, by falling into a bubbling vat of toxic waste. Although Toxie is an ogre in appearance, he has a kind heart and works to protect his friends and neighbors in Tromaville from environmental treachery.

Toxie's perpetual foe is Dr. Killmoff, the villainous leader of an alien race of pollutant mutants, who has just made living arrangements in the town of Tromaville. Killmoff, leading his life behind a mask that pumps noxious fumes for him to breathe, has vowed to make the Earth a more pleasant place (for him!) by creating a toxic wasteland. Killmoff's sidekicks, Psycho and Bonehead, and the evil doctor in his dastardly schemes.

Persian Gulf War hurt 'Not Without My Daughter'

By Polly Vontes

Q: All of us are wondering what happened to the movie *Not Without My Daughter* with Sally Field. We passed the book around to all of our friends and eagerly waited to see the movie. It was on in Peoria, Ill., and Orlando, Fla., and then suddenly it disappeared. We're guessing it had something to do with the war in the Persian Gulf. Am I right?

A: Unfortunately it was just a case of bad timing. War in the Persian Gulf was declared right before the movie was released, and some of the biggest movies of this year, such as *Dances With Wolves*, *Home Alone* and *Godfather Part III*, were already in theaters, which caused *Not Without My Daughter* to get lost in the shuffle. But fortunately for you and your friends, it has been released on video.

Q: I am big fan of Richard Dean Anderson of *MacGyver*. I have been unsuccessful in finding his address. Could you please print his address, and could you tell me if he is married? Just out of curiosity, I saw him on the Joan Rivers Show, and she said he had just turned 40. He sure doesn't look it; he looks more like 30. —Tracy Schultz, Rillard, Ohio

A: Richard Dean Anderson is indeed a very young 40. He was born January 23, 1950. Write to him c/o MacGyver, Paramount Television, 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Q: Could you please tell me about Ty Miller of *The Young Riders*? I would also like to know where I could write to him. —Lori Davis, Trona, Calif.

A: Ty Miller was born on September 26, 1966, in Granada Hills, Calif. He attended the University of Southern California, fully intending to take over the family's retail Christmas-tree business, but started acting while in college. He soon had a string of TV commercials followed by guest appearances on prime-time series. *The Young Riders* is his first series as a star. You may write to him and other cast members c/o The Young Riders, MGM/UA, 10800 W. Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232.

Q: I'm not sure you can help me, but I would like to know if you have information on where I could send movie scripts and if you have the address of the Writer's Guild. Any



Sally Field

information you might have would be helpful. —David Scheidman, Omaha, Texas

A: The address for the Screenwriter's Guild is: 7065 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Contact them and get a list of agents and go to them. If you just send your scripts to studios, they'll just end up on the slush pile and eventually get read. A good book for you to read is *Adventures in the Screen Trade* by William Goldman. Good luck!

Q: For years I have been enthralled by Doc Severinsen. I am an older (almost 60) fan of his and have wanted to write him my words of praise for all these years. Could you please give me an address where I could write him? —Joan Matula, Chadron, Neb.

A: Try this address: c/o NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112.

Editor's Note: This week, we say goodbye to Polly Vontes, who has written the Let's Talk column for three years. Polly's almost encyclopedic knowledge of television and its people has been an invaluable resource to us and to her readers. But more than that, Polly's genuine interest in the work she did came through on the printed page.

Thanks, Polly, and best wishes from us all.

Send your questions about the world of entertainment to: Let's Talk, Features Dept., P.O. Box 961009, Fort Worth, Texas 76161-1009. Because of the volume of mail, only questions of general interest can be answered.



Jerry needs to get a grip! See him try each week on *Seinfeld*, Wednesdays on NBC.