'King Leer'

still revels in

saucy pranks

NEW YORK (AP) — When Benny Hill was a lad, his grandfather took him to places of learning in London. These places had revues called "Piccadilly Spangles" or "Toujours La Femme," and dance troupes like "The Saucy Girls."

A fine education. But what most interested him was the "prin-com," the principal comedian. Little Benny saw that the prin-com got lots of

saw that the prin-com got lots of laughter and hugs and kisses from all the dancing girls.

"I'd think, "That's not a bad life," he recalls. "And I think that's when I got hooked."

Thus it has been for most of Hill's

working life — dancing girls in minimalist costumes, slightly naughty comedy, word-play, a bit of music hall. Much of it still is on display on about 100 U.S. TV stations as the

syndicated "The Benny Hill Show."

Sight gags abound in his shows. A

recent one showed him as a ship's captain about to sing. As he opened his mouth, the ship's foghorn made what sounded like a basso whoopee

cushion being sat on.
It bothers him not that some dare

call such antics vulgar. "You can do a show for six of your friends or you

can do a show for as many people as possible," he says. "I'd rather make a

His half-hour shows, seen in the United States since 1979, actually are bits and pieces of the three to five one-hour specials he usually makes each year in London.

The skits are rapid-fire. Not so

The longest part is the writing, he says: "I write the show on trains, on

buses, in hotel rooms on the beach at

St. Tropez." His voice trails off and

Now is far better than the early days, when he was a struggling young straight-man-turned-comic in

music halls, pubs and the army camps where, during and shortly af-ter World War II, he honed his en-

The army pay was minimal, he says, "but it was a very good audience. You didn't have to sweat blood

The man the British tabloids call "King Leer" lives quietly, without flash. The British tabloids consider

him eccentric, but that is the way of

the tabloids back home, he says, and

why he is wary of journalists there. Hill quotes what he says is a Brit-

ish saying:
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lieve truth is stranger than fiction is

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tertainer's skills.

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