

# "Smell"

## Life and love at the Betty Ford Center



### Things I Love To Hate

By Scott Harrah

*"Perhaps if a junky could keep himself in a constant state of kicking the habit, he would live to be a phenomenal age."*

—William S. Burroughs

Out in the California desert, there's a place where alcoholics, cocaine addicts and other victims of uncontrollable controlled substances congregate. Any kind of addiction is hardly something to laugh at, unless it's being treated at the place I'm talking about.

The Betty Ford Center  
"I didn't do this intentionally," Betty Ford says in this week's issue of People magazine. "I didn't set out in life to be an alcoholic and

build the Betty Ford Center."

What makes the Betty Ford Center transcend typical spas and clinics is the fact that it's the only place in the country where you can see Dean Martin trying to squeeze the cognac out of some tragic young starlet's baked Alaska. It's the only place where Helen Reddy's ex-husband can be seen trying to kick booze. And it's also the only place where singer/ballerina/poet/witch Stevie Nicks can be seen going through the horrors of cocaine withdrawal.

Picture this scene:

"Just one little snort!" Stevie cries.

"Forget it," snaps Betty Ford.

Stevie stands up, shakes tremulously and

starts to perform a ballet number while she hums "Stand Back" and twirls around in her lace-frocked hospital gown.

"That's it, sweetie — let all that tension out," Betty coos softly. "You don't need cocaine. You're a poet and a ballerina... a sensitive artist! You have fans who love you. You don't need those awful drugs."

"That's right," says Liz Taylor, stepping into the room as Liza Minnelli grabs at her pearl necklace.

"Just one," Liza begs breathlessly.

"Liza, stop that!" Liz snarls, slapping the

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# Sometimes Daila Bumanis' weekly grocery bill is as low as \$14,261.04.



Daila Bumanis is the assistant director of Food Services at Bryan Hospital. Together with seven registered dietitians, plus 89 other employees, Daila plans and meets the nutritional needs of an entire hospital. Patients... staff... and guests.

For a week, that's about 14,000 meals. No small potatoes.

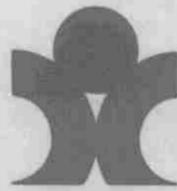
And the job gets done... fifty-two weeks a year. This requires department of dedicated, caring employees. Cooks. Bakers. Dishwashers. Tray line and cafeteria workers. And dietetic interns. It involves purchasing food, planning diets and preparing meals from Bryan's own centralized food service.

Though Daila and the food service department are responsible for preparing sound, nutritional meals for an entire hospital, they care about details. Like adding a slice of birthday cake on a patient's tray. And that's a nice way to be treated.

Of course, Daila Bumanis isn't alone. At Bryan Hospital our entire staff prides itself on making today's health care better. It's a dedication to improving your health... with an unending commitment to caring.

You won't find people like Daila Bumanis just anywhere.

You will find them at Bryan Hospital.



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