

OF THE STARS

MC INNES
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Hollywood.

GLENN FORD is obviously not the least bit intimidated by JOHNNY CARSON's more than pointed barbs on the Tonight Show. In fact, Glenn is seeing more of Johnny's estranged wife, Joanne than any girl since his divorce from KATHY HAYS. I guess that's what is really bugging Johnny. Glenn spent a whole evening on the telephone personally booking guest stars for Joanne's syndicated television show before he left for New Mexico to do a new film. A little bird told me that Joanne will be leaving soon to visit him.

London reports a frantic search for a new James Bond still going on even though ROGER MOORE is top contender for the 007 Crown. Obviously somebody up there doesn't like him because contacts have been made with selected military groups asking if they have any sexy looking Bond-types in their ranks. In fact, a letter has been sent to the Special Air Service Department with the following qualifications... he must be six feet, two inches or more...28 years old or less... a superb athlete...good looking with a dominant personality. Hmmm... that sounds just like ZSA ZSA's ad in the Free Press.

Meanwhile back in Malibu, ADAM WEST left his credit card in a small tavern near the bench last week and the bartender put it in the safe until he came back. Lo and behold, the bar was robbed and everything taken from the safe BUT the credit card. Guess the crook was afraid to be zapped by Batman. Personally I suspect the Joker!!!

And from New York we hear that now that the honeymoon is definitely over, MISS VICKI is not tiptoeing through those tulips, she's stomping through them. She's telling friends that life with TINY TIM was no bed of tulips, just one long boring drag and that she began to dread the 50 year old falsetto singer coming home so she left him. Vicki claims the biggest drag was when Tiny stood in front of the mirror for hours saying "I'm great. I'm wonderful." Wouldn't you love to have a picture of that?

There may be another actor's hat in the political arena in 1974. Although ANTHONY QUINN denies the rumors that he'll challenge RONALD REAGAN's bid for a third term as Governor of California, there is a lot of talk that he was seriously thinking about it. It's said that he changed his mind because some vicious gossipers implied that it would wind up being a dirty campaign for Quinn. But you know Tony's pary Mexican heritage could account for the considerable Chicano vote in California and that my friends, just might make him change his mind again.

Monaco reports that PRINCESS GRACE confided to ALFRED HITCHCOCK during this visit there that she would really love to return to the silver screen but that the difficulties seem as insurmountable as ever. She did admit though that the script which had tempted her the most was "Lost Horizon." How about that, ROSS HUNTER????

TONY BENNETT, who is known for painting wonderful pictures with his million dollar voice, may have a new career painting pictures with a brush. Scottish comedian JIMMY LOGAN was so impressed with Tony's handiwork that he persuaded Tony to donate one of his paintings to Britain's Red Cross charities and it will be raffled off in Viscount Ridley's home. I say, Tony, good show!!!

A very special bow to LOU RAWLS for his efforts to help high school dropouts. Lou will sing a couple of songs for the kids and then sit around with them and rap and try to convince them to stay in school. Right on, Lou!!!

And from the "It Had to Happen" Department: Now that we have religion getting the rock treatment as in "Godspell" and "Jesus Christ Superstar" and Shakespeare's, "Two Gentlemen from Verona" and "Your Own Thing," it was inevitable that a real opera would have to make the transition to rock opera.

First to go is Bizer's "Carmen," 1972's Carmen will be an American college girl and the hero's name is Joe and when Carmen tries to entice her man, she goes into a striptease and ends up topless. Well, that should send Bizet spinning in his grave.

STRIP TRIPPING UP IN LAS VEGAS: ANDY WILLIAMS at Caesar's saying "I was asked to sing "Love Story" but I was TOLD to sing the love theme from "The Godfather." WILLIAMS has to be the smoothest singer in the world and as usual puts on a great show. THE SYLVERS that young black singing group consisting of four brothers and two sisters are shaping up to be real pros.....MINSKY'S at the Aladdin has inherited the title I used to give to VIVE LES GIRLS as the best lounge show in town and the best bargain..... The Golden Greek BILLY DARE told me he had been in a Ogi with JACKIE and ARI and I was appropriately shocked until he told me that Ogi was the club he played in Athens. Billy also say that Athens is convinced that this is the year that the Onassi will split and that she has received 48 million dollars as a settlement. WOW!!!!..... That's all the time I had in Las Vegas that weekend but as Mac Arthur said, "I will return."

Well that's my trip for this issue. Hope yours has been a good one this week. See you.

LETTERMEN

The Lettermen are taking time out from their record-shattering tour of college campuses for a special two-week engagement in the main showroom of the Flamingo Hotel.

The popular trio, who are making their debut as Las Vegas headliners, share the star spot with classic storyteller Myron Cohen.

The Lettermen are experienced nightclub performers, having appeared in major rooms in New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Miami, Los Angeles, Reno and Lake Tahoe. Their appearances on college campuses, however, have been so phenomenally successful and consequently so plentiful that their nitery engagements are regarded as special occasions.

Consisting of Tony Butala, Jim Pike and Gary Pike, the Lettermen have appeared at more than 2,000 colleges and universities across the country. They were voted the No. 1 campus attraction in a poll conducted by Billboard magazine.

The trio has been one of Capitol Records leading recording groups for years. All 31 of their LPs have made the Top 100 in the national record charts. Their hit singles include "Come Back Silly Girl", "Theme from a Summer Place", "Hurt So Bad", "Going Out of My Head"/"Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and "Traces"/"Memories".

Cohen ranks as one of the premiere standup comedians of all time. A master dialectician, he offers a delightful potpourri of old and new anecdotes.

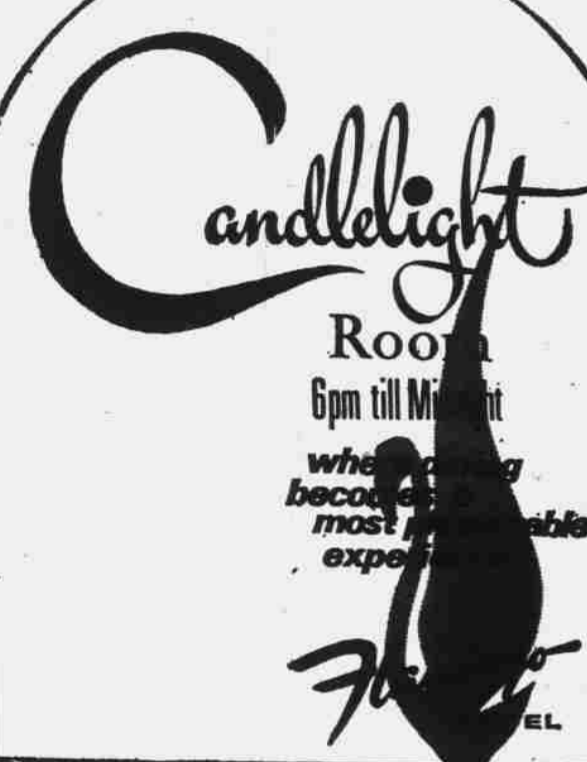
He has been entertaining Las Vegas audiences for more than 20 years, the last 10 at the Flamingo.

Sensational singer-impressionist Dean

The Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas has been conducting "live" gaming instruction for neophyte gamers in the art of "21" (Blackjack) and Dice. The program includes live dealers dealing at actual dice or 21 tables.



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