

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

All you fans of the 1937 "Lost Horizon" can relax. ROSS HUNTER has not let you down. The 1973 "Lost Horizon" has remained very true to the original with just minor changes and everything works. It's even better. Hunter has spared no expense in making Shangri-La as delectable on screen as it is in your mind. The cast is superb. PETER FINCH, LIV ULLMANN, SALLY KELLERMAN, MICHAEL YORK, OLIVIA HUSSEY (she looks a little chunky but then she was three months pregnant during most of her scenes), JAMES SHIGETA, JOHN GIELGUD and two Oscar nominees for next year, BOBBY VAN and CHARLES BOYER. Costumes by JEAN LOUIS are stunning. The music is by BURT BACHRACH and HAL DAVID (does anyone not know that?) and works well. The premiere and the Shangri-La Ball afterwards were for the benefit of the Motion Picture and Television Fund and they were given a check for \$135,000. Seemed like Hollywood Top Drawer Stars all showed up.

Mini Movie Tripping... "The World's Greatest Athlete" from Walt Disney proved to be one of the funniest movies I have ever seen. Disney films are known for their family appeal and rightfully so, but "Athlete" will appeal to everyone. JAN-MICHAEL VINCENT scores as the young Tarzan-type discovered by JOHN AMOS and TIM CONWAY in Africa and brought back to bolster their school's sagging sports record. I know they couldn't resist and I love it when Nanu (Jan) meets his tutor, Jane (Dayle Haddon), and says "Me Nanu, you Jane." Beautiful support from ROSCOE LEE BROWNE, BILLY DE WOLFE and NANCY WALKER make "Athlete" a treat... I can't say the same for "Lolly Madonna", a super sadistic, violent look at a modern day Hatfield-McCoy feud. ROD STEIGER and ROBERT RYAN are the heads of the Feather and Gutshall families who seem determined to wipe each other out. SCOTT WILSON and JEFF BRIDGES (Feathers) and KIEL MARTIN and GARY BUSEY and JOAN GOODFELLOW (Gutshall) are good and SEASON HUBLEY makes an impressive debut as "Lolly", but to me, it was all in vain. Ryan, when asked at the preview if he was satisfied with the finished film, replied, "Is anyone ever satisfied?"... "Slither", with JAMES CAAN, SALLY KELLERMAN, PETER BOYLE and LOUISE LASSER is a very strange movie. I'm not sure I liked it but I do know I had a marvelous time watching it. It has a few holes in it but the performances are delightful and some of the situations are extremely funny so I guess you might say I was satisfied with "Slither."

What I'm not satisfied with is the treatment that the "people" who handle BETTE MIDLER are dealing out. Miss Midler is on the verge of becoming a superstar and it's obvious that her mentors already feel she is, and therefore, have no time to be courteous to the press. I called Atlantic Records publicity about the Midler concert and was told to call Doug Weston's office, who is producing. They, in turn, told me to call Mike Shearer, who, in turn, told me to call Atlantic Records who informed that there were no tickets which they could have told me in the first place. When I called Pam Sklar, who handles Bette here about doing an interview with the Divine Miss M, I was informed that she will only be here to rehearse and do the show, and absolutely no interviews. Funny, it seems like only yesterday that she was singing in a steam bath in New York and talking to almost everybody.

How fast time and courtesy go when you're having a good time.

You have a good time this week and do show some courtesy.

Israelite Ads Pay

DISASTER FAMILIES GET \$30,000

JERUSALEM (WNS) --The government announced that the families of all who died in the Feb. 21 Libyan airliner disaster will each receive payment of \$30,000 from Israel. Meanwhile, the death toll rose to 107 when

LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE one of the seven survivors died March 8 at Beersheba Hospital. The victim was Mahmoud Abu Baker, 33, a Libyan national. Two other survivors were discharged from the hospital and were transferred to Egypt.

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