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**DICK MCINNES**

BURT REYNOLDS had some interesting answers when he was questioned about his favorite leading ladies the other day. He said the craziest is definitely LAUREN HUTTON, his current co-star in "Gator" and that she has a great sense of humor. CATHERINE DENEUVE was his choice for the most beautiful and as for RACQUEL WELCH? "We didn't get along at all but I think we would today. She was going through something that I didn't understand but now I'm going through it myself so I would be a lot easier on her now." Racquel was going through a divorce then and now Burt and DINAH are supposedly split for good so that must be what he means. Burt also told me that he was dying to adopt a child but that he was having difficulty because of the so-called image that most people have of him. That's a shame because he really does want to be a father and everyone knows that he'd be a good one.

JOE DANOVA formerly of "The Good Humor Company" is alive and well and spreading his genius around Southern California. Joe has gathered together one of the most talented groups of people and come up with "Mama's Boys." They are terrific and will no doubt be taking Las Vegas by storm just as they have Los Angeles. It is not only the funniest show in town but they also have hit the most incredible vocal sound that I have ever heard...Mama is CASSANDRA PETERSON, another Las Vegas



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favorite and she is not only gorgeous but extremely talented. Her boys include (beside Joe), JOHN PALMER (another Good Humor Company alumni) who is always terrific, RICHARD HERKERT (He used to be with "Celebration"), JIM RAITT, R. L. HOWLAND, ROBERT REDDING AND JOE CROYLE, all of whom are super talented singles but when they blend together it's dynamite. They are off to San Diego for a couple of weeks but they will be returning to Los Angeles and I, for one, can't wait.

With "A Chorus Line" selling tickets into February, "The Wiz" absolutely sold out for its Civic Light Opera stand, "The Robber Bridegroom" causing full houses at the Mark Taper Forum and "A Musical Jubilee" with HOWARD KEEL, PATRICE MUNSEL, EARTHA KITT, LARRY KERT AND MILO O'SHEA out at the Ambassador in Pasadena, the Hollywood Hills are indeed alive with the sound of music. There's nothing that I can add to "A Chorus Line" but to say everything you've heard is absolutely true. It is one of the classic musi-

cals and will be around as long as people want to get into show biz. I loved it and am making every attempt to see it at least once a week. I've only seen it twice but want to see it as many times as possible. "The Wiz" frankly did not knock me out but I enjoyed it. The cast is wonderful, the sets and costumes outrageous but fun and the music is good. I'm not sure that I'm ready for a rock version of "The Wizard of Oz" but the audiences sure do love it. "The Robber Bridegroom" is a hill-billy light opera or a country musical or whatever you want to call it but mainly it is pure entertainment and one of the most clever shows that I've ever seen. The plot is so complicated what with mistaken identity, wicked stepmothers and one character who is just a head and I don't mean that in the modern sense, I mean a head. His head is in a trunk and that's all we ever see of him. BARRY BOSTWICK from "Grease" is the hero and he is sure to hit the top with this show. He's perfect. But then so is the rest of the cast. It's a ball. And as for "A Musical Jubilee" it's a potpourri of musical comedy songs from 1840 to 1937 and with that company of fine performers, it has to be successful. Keel is in fine voice and looks terrific. MUNSEL is wonderfully seductive and saucy, Kitt is back in entertainment with a vengeance and shows off that animal sensuousness that once captivated the country. Kert is one of the finer leading men in the musical field and O'Shea just could stand there and get laughs. He is truly a comic. It's a good time to be in Los Angeles.

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