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**DICK MCINNES**

TRIPPING AROUND.....BETTE DAVIS has been chosen as the recipient of the 1977 American Film Institute Life Achievement Award. She is the first woman to receive this honor, past honorees were the late JOHN FORD, JAMES CAGNEY, ORSON WELLS & WILLIAM WYLER. KATHARINE HEPBURN had once been in contention but asked that her name be removed. She's a strange lady but I'm glad that Miss Davis will be honored.....MARTHE KELLER has returned to New York to set up a resident, ostensibly to P.R. "Marathon Man" but rumor has it that she is really going there to be close to AL PACINO. "Marathon Man" by the way is probably one of the most violent films I've seen in some time. Performances are excellent. DUSTIN HOFFMAN, LAURENCE OLIVIER & Ms. Keller are tops as is ROY SCHEIDER but the drilling scene is totally uncalled for. "A Matter of Time" with LIZA MINNELLI & INGRID BERGMAN may be a so-so film but at least you can watch it all the way through without becoming ill.....VIKKI CARR, off to London to play the Palladium with CHARLES AZNAVOUR, has signed up with her ex-husband DAN MOSS again. He will manage her career for her. However, her heart belongs to JIM TEETER of TEETER & McDONALD, the comedy team that appears with her occasionally.....CHARLES BRONSON has been set to return to the little screen in NBC's "Raid on Entebbe" in the role

of Israeli leader General Dan Shomrom....ROSE MARIE has been signed to play a New Orleans riverboat nightclub owner in "Razzle Dazzle," a comedy set in the 30's. Sounds like a Southern TEXAS GUINAN....BRUCE JENNER didn't end up as "Superman" in films but he did sign with ABC to be an expert commentator on various sports programs. In addition he will appear with his wife, CHRYSTIE in feature segments on "Good Morning, America." Just what those segments will be isn't too clear but I assume they will be sporty. Jenner also has it in his contract that he will do featured roles in television movies....RUTH GORDON turns 80 on October 30 and all of Boston plans a celebration for the whole weekend of October 30-31. She'll be honored at a ball on the 30th and a huge birthday dinner will be held the next day....ROGER CORMAN is after KATHARINE HEPBURN, JODIE FOSTER & DAVID BOWIE to star in "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" when his company starts work on the property next month. Hepburn will be finished with her tour of "A Matter of Gravity" then. That play by the way should have been called, "The Pleasure of Her Company" because that's the only reason one might want to see it. I was really bored by it although enchanted by the Hepburn magic.

PARTY TRIPPING.....Went to the special performance of "A Chorus Line" for the Park Century School for Exceptional Children as GRACE ROBBINS' guest. Needless to say, my 5th time at the show was just as exciting as the first time. There are several replacements but they are all good. ANN REINKING who replaced DONNA McKECHNIE is a different Cassie but still a strong one. Her dancing ranks with anyone. The party afterwards was a real gas with all the cast members there with lots of good food and drinks and a band playing. All this in the lobby of the Shubert Theater. Among those loving the show and the party were JACK JONES, GORDON MACRAE, TONY BENNETT, TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE, MARISA BERENSON, JOAN COLLINS & RON KASS. CHARLENE RYAN (Shellah in the show) looked great in grey chiffon and was very happy about her guests. She's on two upcoming DEAN MARTIN specials and SAMMY WILLIAMS (Paul) was

waiting to hear about a terrific role in a new movie.....a couple of nights later I went over to the Bistro for a party honoring DOROTHY HART who has written a great book on her late brother in law LORENZ HART. It was really a great reunion for a number of show biz greats who had worked in Hart's musicals. VIVIENNE SEGAL who starred in "Pal Joey" admitted to being 79 and I must tell you she's the youngest 79 I've seen. JACK OAKIE, RAY BOLGER, MEL TORME, TOM DRAKE, JACK CASSIDY, STEVE ALLEN & JAYNE MEADOWS, DAVID ROSE & JOHN GREEN were among the music lovers and makers that toasted the late Mr. HART. The sneak preview I had of the book was great and I'll be reviewing it soon. By the way, the FONZ, HENRY WINKLER was also there. He plays Hart on a TV special on December 9. He told me that the special is really special!

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