

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

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TRIPPING AROUND.....RUTH GORDON told me at ABC that she is very excited about her role in a forthcoming TV movie. It's a remake of the JIMMY STEWART/DONNA REED film "It's A Wonderful Life." In the film, Stewart in a moment of despair says that he wishes that he had never been born. A guardian angel (HENRY TRAVERS) appears and shows him what a dismal place Bedford Falls (his hometown) would have been without him. All ends well. Now for the casting...MARLO THOMAS will play the Stewart role and ALAN ALDA, the Reed role. Well it is different. And the wonderful Ms. Gordon will play the guardian angel. By the way, meeting Ruth Gordon is probably one of the highlights of my life. She is everything you might expect her to be and more. A wonderful woman. Lots of success to her on her autobiography "My Life" which has just come out. If it's anything like her first book "Myself Among Others" it will be a smash and very interesting too....EMILY McLAUGHLIN, the beloved Jessie on "General Hospital" is still in critical condition following internal bleeding but I talked to the hospital and they told me she is improving but it will take awhile. If you love her (and who doesn't?) drop a line to her at ABC, 4151 Prospect, Los Angeles, Ca. 90027....speaking of ABC, rumor has it that "The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew" will replace the now defunct "Cos" show. You remember reading those books on summer vacation, don't you? I do....RAQUEL WELCH is suing UCLA Hospital and Regents of U. of California alleging malpractice in connection with the death of father ARMAND TEJADA last June 4...."All in the Family" has been honored by the American Heart Association for their "Archie's Weight Problem" episode. Award is given to show "judged outstanding for accuracy, skill and originality in translating a significant advance against cardiovascular disease into material of interest

and value to the public." TV can do some good.... VIVIAN BLAINE stars in NORMAN LEAR's new midseason series, "A Year At the Top." Blaine did a role in "Mary Hardman, Mary Hartman" last year and evidently impressed the Lear people. She's wonderful and she deserves it. Mazeltov, Vivian!

Hollywood and the world lost one of their finest members last week when the incomparable ROSALIND RUSSELL died. She was one of the best actresses ever to appear on the stage or screen, a good wife and mother and a sincere humanitarian. I find it difficult to express my admiration for her and impossible to think of the loss that we all feel. The best way to say goodbye is to list some of her films. I'm sure that one or many of them will bring back wonderful personal memories of the joy she gave us, "China Seas," "Craig's Wife," "Night Must Fall," "The Citadel," "The Women," "His Girl Friday," "No Time for Comedy," "Hired Wife," "They Met in Bombay," "Take a Letter, Darling," "My Sister Eileen," "Roughly Speaking," "Sister Kenny," "The Guilt of Janet Ames," "Mourning Becomes Electra," "The Velvet Touch," "Tell It to the Judge," "Picnic," "A Majority of One," "Gypsy," "The Trouble With Angels," and my personal favorite comedy, "Auntie Mame." She admitted once that "Auntie Mame" was special to her. "It was easy. I could have done with one hand tied behind my back. However, favorites aren't necessarily the most popular. It took me four years to get "Sister Kenny" made. What a struggle! I loved doing "Picnic." I like anything that's a challenge. "A Majority of One" was certainly a challenge. Here I was, a little Irish girl from Connecticut doing this lady of the Jewish faith. "My Sister Eileen" was always a favorite as was "The Velvet Touch." It was the first picture I made with Freddie." Freddie was producer FREDERICK BRISSON who married Roz in 1941. Constantly asked how she managed a career and a successful marriage (they have a son, Lance), she said, "That's easy. You make up your mind which is most important and mean it! Family life always was and always will be first. People say you can't have both but you can! If you put your marriage in the proper perspective. Of course, there are sacrifices but I've had to make very few. A happy marriage reflects not only in your life but in your work. What's wrong with having friends and family to give meaning to your life?" She was a lucky woman to have had both and we were lucky people to have had ROSALIND RUSSELL around to make us laugh and cry and enjoy. I have a feeling that she's up there now with that twinkle in her eye saying to one an all (as she did in "Auntie Mame") "Live, live, live. Life is just a banquet and most poor suckers are starving to death!" Take that advice and use it well.



HUGHES AIRWEST'S MARY BUSH IS UNRUFFLED BY CURIOUS GAWKING FROM SURPRISED PASSENGERS WHEN THEY SEE HER SITTING IN THE CO-PILOT SEAT AS A FIRST OFFICER -- ON THIS TRIP NEXT TO CAPT. BILL LOVELACE. THE TITLE MAKES HER THE FIRST FEMALE PILOT FOR A SCHEDULED AIRLINE BASED IN THE WEST AND A RARITY IN THE INDUSTRY. HER QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDED ALMOST 2,300 FLYING HOURS IN MORE THAN 30 TYPES OF AIRCRAFT.

2ND BAR MITZVAH AT 83 BENIFITS PIONEER WOMEN

A Bar Mitzvah is always a special event, but at 83 it is unique. This happy circumstance was enjoyed by Hyman Hack of Palm Springs, Calif., who became Bar Mitzvah for the second time this month, sharing the honor with a thirteen-year-old boy.

According to tradition, man's life span is three score years and ten. After that, he begins a "second life" and at 83 again reaches Bar Mitzvah age. This time, however, Mr. Hack's traditional Bar Mitzvah gifts, at his request, went to Pioneer Women to provide scholarships in Israel.

All his children and relatives from throughout the country came to share the joyous occasion, and one of his sons donated an additional scholarship in his father's name.

Both Hyman and his wife, Cina, have long been involved with Pioneer Women, and active and generous in its support. Before moving to Palm Springs, where she was instrumental in organizing the Golda Meir group, Cina Hack was a member of Drora Club in Brooklyn. All the members of their family are active in their respective Pioneer Women groups.

CARTER WILL HONOR U.S. COMMITMENTS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The new Carter Administration will honor United States commitments to Israel, Premier Yitzhak Rabin told a Labor Party Bureau political settlement in the Middle East. Rabin said American Presidents traditionally keep the commitments of their predecessors and this will include the Ford Administration's promises of arms to Israel. Meanwhile, President-elect Jimmy Carter sent a telegram to the American Jewish Committee which is meeting in Dallas declaring that "the issue of the very security and survival of the State of Israel" will not be considered "negotiable" by his Administration. Carter pledged that "genuine peace and reconcilia-

tion in the Middle East will be among the very highest and earliest priorities of my Administration."

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PARIS (WNS) -- Israel's archaeological excavations in Jerusalem were condemned by the UNESCO general conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

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