

GOSSIP SECTION

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Meanwhile, El's West Coast fans celebrated his birthday without his presence. They had a party and, a few days later, after Elvis got back to California, they presented him with the top of the birthday cake, which was shaped like a red velvet crown.

After that, Elvis gave Priscilla a present—a mink coat which she selected in Los Angeles.

Elvis' oldest stepbrother, Ricky, has joined the traveling Presley entourage despite his mother's mild reservations.

Rick, a high school student, couldn't find part time work in Memphis, so Elvis offered him a job. Ricky was tickled to death by the offer and got his parents to agree to the arrangement, with the stipulation that he finish high school and apply for college entrance.

Andy Williams saw the NBA basketball awards presented in San Diego in company with Claudia Jennings, Playboy's Playmate of the Year. However, he didn't pay much attention to the presentations. He was too busy holding Claudia's hand.

And let that be a lesson to you, Claudine.

Where did Terry Melcher get his manners??

David Janssen's mother, Berniece, found herself standing next to young Melcher at a commissary truck on a studio lot and ventured a polite, "How are you, Terry?" adding, when he looked puzzled, "I know your mother."

"Big deal!" Terry snapped and turned on his heel.

Bystanders, some of whom didn't know either Berniece or Terry, booed him.

Dean Jones, whose TV series, "Ensign O'Toole," was popular but short-lived, is starring in a pilot, "The Chicago Teddy Bears," another show with a return-to-the-'30's theme.

We've grown so nostalgic for the days of the good old Depression, we may even see another blossoming of the Big Bands. Which reminds me—I hear that Ginny Sims, once the popular vocalist with Kay Kyser, is writing her autobiography.

Like Dean Jones, Paul Petersen is another TV veteran who may be back with a series soon. Paul plays Elke Sommer's brother in a pilot named "Elke," while Kay Medford, formerly of "To Rome With Love," plays her mom.

John Wayne's lovely Pilar has raised at least \$20,000 to aid Peruvian orphans through a series of fashion shows. She is totally committed to helping children who lost their parents in the catastrophic earthquake.

On the subject of the International Hotel in Las Vegas:

According to our best sources, Barbra Streisand got a big, fat refusal from Kirk Kerkorian when she asked him to give her

\$250,000 a week for her most recent performance there, plus a chunk of hotel stock and other benefits.

A red-in-the-face Kerkorian told her he'd give her \$100,000 a week plus lodging, but no chauffeur, no limousine and no stock.

Her manager, Kirk said, would get his room and not one thing more.

Stunned, Barbra accepted the deal.

While Joe Namath was in Los Angeles for a few days taping a "Flip Wilson Show," he managed to find time to date a gorgeous brunette. However, Broadway Joe refused to say who she was.

The top comedian who's having an affair with a pretty teenager took a big chance the other day when he invited the girl and her parents to visit him on his set. No, the parents don't know about their daughter's illicit romance yet, but if the comedian isn't careful, they'll find out soon.

Hollywood publicist Bob Ellis, who used to date Mary Wilson of the Supremes, did an about-face and married Diana Ross in a Las Vegas wedding chapel at the end of January.

When Bobby Sherman made a guest appearance on "The Partridge Family," he and David Cassidy locked horns. In fact, ABC executives were afraid they'd be filming a prizefight instead of the intended show before production was completed.

Bobby's segment was to be used as a possible spin-off for his own television series, but his rival, teen idol David, was so negative about the idea that it looked as if either Bobby or David might walk off the set. (Ed. Note: See our story, page 68.) —CAL YORK



Bob Wagner admires Tina Sinatra on a night out. At the moment, he's stuck living in his dressing room, but Tina's busy shopping for a house they can share after their wedding. So there's plenty of consolation for any discomfort he now feels.



"Mission: Impossible" Peter Graves was among the many stars who turned out for the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards. Here, he's with his wife.