

the naked truth

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seemed smug and bored as usual. La Shore will star in her own TV Special *How To Handle A Woman* with some of television's favorites: **BOB HOPE**, **JACK BENNY**, **JIMMY DURANTE**, and **SONNY** and **CHER**. Oh, and I almost forgot—**BURT REYNOLDS**—who obviously knows "how to handle a woman"—Dinah, at least!

Speaking of famous lovebirds, **NATALIE WOOD** and **ROBERT WAGNER** are happy newlyweds—for the second time around. Nat wore a simple, long lavender gown for the wedding ceremony which was held privately on a ship out at sea. Maybe the Wagners will follow in the footsteps of the **BURTONS** and become a film acting team besides being man and wife? I doubt it. From the description of the spacious country home they've recently taken in Kent, England, I suspect they are anticipating some little Wagners!

Speaking of that famous acting team, I understand that **LIZ TAYLOR** is doing some of her Academy Award winning acting in *Night Watch* shooting on location in London. The still ravishing Liz just recently fulfilled a promise she made on her fortieth birthday. **RICHARD BURTON**, her generous gift-giving husband threw a lavish birthday party for his wife in Budapest last February and La Taylor pledged that whatever the cost of the party, she would donate the same sum to UNICEF. The United Nation's Children's Fund received a handsome check of \$45,000 from Liz. Rumors continue to link the beauty with **ARISTOTLE ONASSIS** but I refuse to believe it!

And what's this about Mr. Burton retiring from acting and going into teaching full time? I should hope not. Who would Elizabeth summon to play her leading man? **ARI?** Ugh!

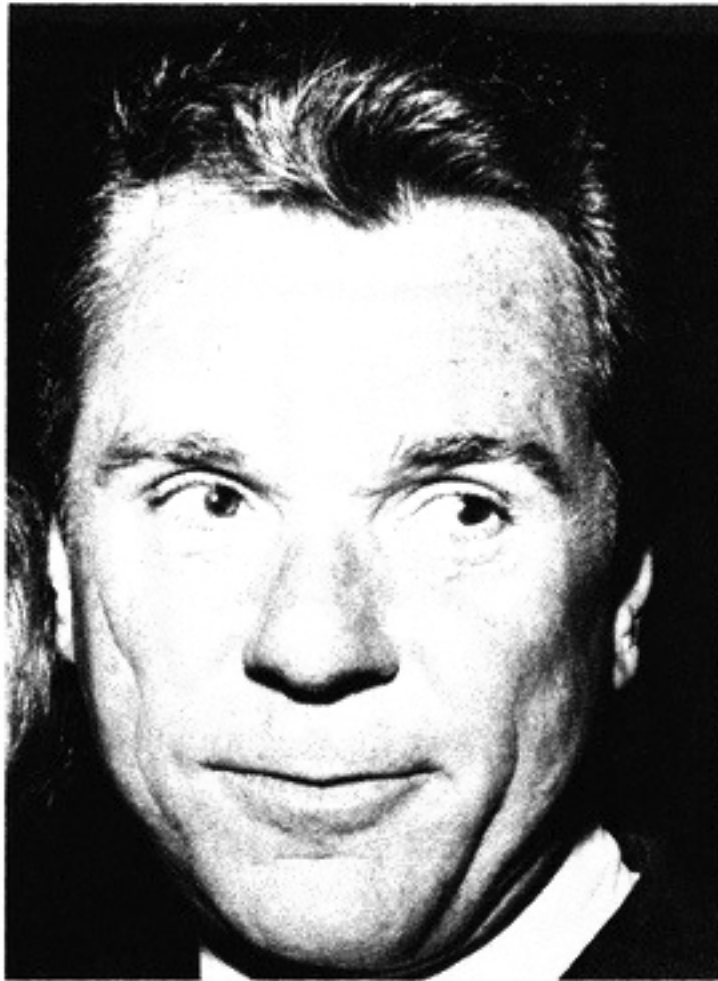
What famous (infamous?) Hollywood writer manages to arrange one intimate lunch after another with the happily married son of an older Academy Award winning actress? She's obviously head over heels in love with him as her closest friends will attest.

One of my biggest complaints of this month is *Portnoy's Complaint*, a Warner's release starring **RICHARD BENJAMIN**, **LEE GRANT**, and **KAREN BLACK**. It is positively the most crass and least entertaining film to be made in Hollywood yet! Another big complaint is Richard Benjamin, who continues to bore us to death with his overdone schtick no matter what movie he's in!

Members of the (are you ready?) **FRASIER** (the **SENSUOUS LION**) **FAN CLUB** have nominated twelve sexy dudes

to compete for the title of America's Most Sensuous Man. The nominees, chosen "for sheer sensuality and animal magnetism, regardless of age" include **BILL BALLANCE**, **KIRK DOUGLAS**, **MERV GRIFIN**, **DR. HENRY KISSINGER**, **DEAN MARTIN**, **PAUL NEWMAN**, **BURT REYNOLDS**, **CESAR ROMERO**, **DOC SEVERINSON**, **RUDY VALLEE**, and **FLIP WILSON**. (**GERALDINE** sensuous?) Awaiting America's Most Sensuous Man will be the Golden Frasier, a trophy sculpted in the likeness of Lion Country Safari's recently deceased lion, who was the human equivalent of eighty-five. This sensuous lion had sired thirty-three cubs in a sixteen month span prior to his death. The winner will be announced in the early fall, after being determined by a popular vote with newspaper columnists and radio personalities conducting the poll. What do you Women's Libbers think about that?

Speaking of Women's Lib, *Stand Up and Be Counted* is Hollywood's first movie dealing with the subject. The film, directed by actor **JACKIE COOPER**, is the story of a



suburban housewife who is introduced to feminism. Produced by **M.J. FRANKOVICH**, the controversial motion picture stars **JACQUELINE BISSET**, **STELLA STEVENS**, **STEVE LAWRENCE**, **GARY LOCKWOOD**, and **LEE PURCELL**. Right on, ladies!

What Academy Award nominee (who lost, this year) is drinking as much off screen as the pathetic character she brilliantly portrayed on screen?

No more Monkee business for X-Monkee **MICKY DOLENZ** who will be seen playing a member of a motorcycle gang along with **EDD BYRNES** (the hair-combing Kookie of *77 Sunset Strip*) on an upcoming *Adam-12*. Micky has also recorded a single, *Lovers Prayer*, which he will be promoting in a US tour for several months with the **OSMOND BROTHERS**. Good

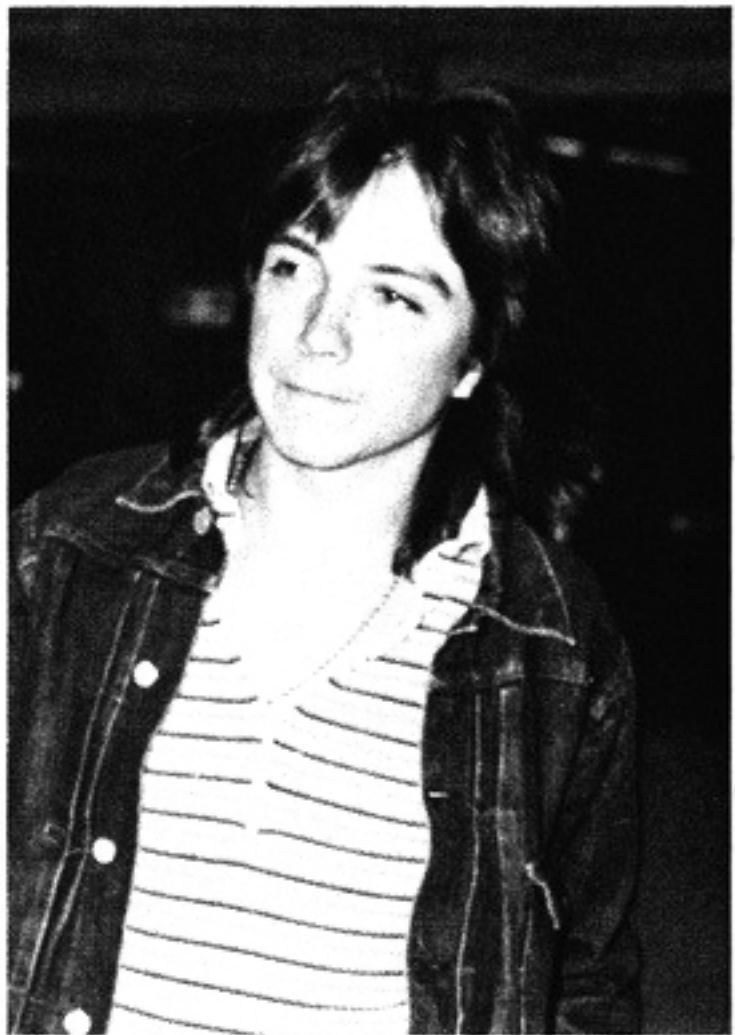
Luck, Mick!

JOAN (*Mildred Pierce*) **CRAWFORD** recently best known for pushing Pepsi and frightening people, will make one of her rare television appearances in a play written for her by **MERWIN GERARD** for ABC's *The Sixth Sense*. The title of the vehicle for the Academy Award winning actress is *Dear Joan, We're Going to Scare You to Death*. I can't imagine what would scare La Crawford to death except maybe if the Food and Drug Administration warned that Pepsi drinking could be hazardous to your health! Not that there's any chance of that!

Speaking of scary ladies, **CAROLYN** (*The Addams Family*) **JONES** is returning to television after an absence of two years to guest as a rejected woman, frightened by her own fantasies in *The Summer House* segment of Screen Gems new thriller *Ghost Story*. **SEBASTIAN CABOT** stars on the weekly show as host-narrator. It will be good to see Carolyn again—even though she seems determined to terrorize us!

On the subject of former *Addams Family* members, **JOHN ASTIN** looks like he will be taking the volatile **PATTY DUKE** to the altar soon. Maybe the continually heartbroken Patty has found what she's needed all along—the strength and maturity of an older man. I hope so. No matter how confusing her private life seems to be, talented Miss Duke always seems to deliver stellar screen performances.

What's happening to teen idol **DAVID CASSIDY**'s popularity? His August concert



scheduled at the Hollywood Bowl was cancelled by his managers, **RUTH AARONS** and **JIM FLOOD** due to a lack of advance sales. Maybe too many California parents caught those revealing pix of innocent David in *Rolling Stone*?

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