

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

HOLLYWOOD—Mike's Thursday Mailbag—

Dear Mike: You stated in a recent column that Mitzi Gaynor was born in 1933. This is incorrect. Mitzi was born in 1931—King Chico, world's checker champion, New York City.

Dear King: Anyone who would argue about the year a woman says she was born is liable to be crowned. Checker champion on no.

Dear Know-It All: Why are Hollywood stars so promiscuous?—Hazel Levine, Bingham, Me.

Dear Hazel: I don't think they, as a group, are any more so inclined than the citizens of Averageville, U. S. A. It's just that the stars live in bigger glass houses—with fewer window shades.

Dear Sir: Are you the same guy who says one day that Peter O'Toole, David Lean and "Lawrence of Arabia" are out in front for the Oscar and then, two columns later, declares this is going to be a wrap-yourself-in-Old Glory Hollywood year? Why don't you collect your thoughts and give us all a definite maybe?—Betsy Brown, Philadelphia.

Dear Betsy: The Academy voters are changing their minds from day to day too. It's a rough race this year.

Dear Mike: Why does a big star like Shirley MacLaine strip down so often for still photos?—Mary Jane Yoder, Block Island, R. I.

Dear Mary Jane: Maybe she's hungry.

Listen, Bub. I don't know how old you are but if you can answer this one you ain't no chicken. I just had an argument with my grandmother, who says Anita Page, who used to be in those spooky old silent movies with Joan Crawford like "Our Dancing Daughters," died some years ago. Is that true?—Duane Piotrowski, La Crescenta, Calif.

Dear Duane: I ain't no chicken and neither is Anita, although she's still very much alive, attractive and lives in San Diego, Calif., where she's married to a captain in the U. S. Navy. She has a beautiful 20-year-old daughter. And don't refer to those old movies as "spooky." Girls like Anita and Joan made Hollywood the glamor capital of the world some 30 years ago.

Dear Mike: Anne Bancroft is from the Bronx and used to act under her real name, Anne Italiano—but didn't she once use another name? I could SWEAR she did!—Trudy Putkammer, the Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Trudy: You're right, she did. It was Anne Marco.

Dear Mike: Is it true that Rock Hudson just gifted Marilyn Maxwell with a mink coat as his way of ending the romance? Rather softens the blow, if so—Judy Cahn, Saxonburg, Pa.

Dear Judy: That's the way to END a romance?? It sounds more like the beginning.

Dear Sir: All eight of us saw Walt Disney's movie, "In Search of the Castaways." One of the actors is Michael Anderson Jr. We would like to write some fan letters. How do we reach him?—Eight Girls with Itchy Pens, San Mateo, Calif.

Dear Itchy Pens: He's the son of Michael Anderson, who directed "Around the World in 80 Days," he's off to a great start as an actor, and you can write to him at 2400 W. Alameda, Burbank, Calif.

Sir: Is Maureen O'Hara Jewish?—Beverly Stizberger, Mobile, Ala.

Dear Beverly: I don't list religious beliefs of the stars.

Dear Mike: I understand that a lot of today's TV stars were models in TV commercials up till recently. Can you tell me who some of them were?—Bob Keegan, Paragould, Ark.

Dear Bob: I called Patricia Harris, a casting director for many big TV commercials, since I'm not too hep on that score. Pat recalls hiring Jack Ging for a beer commercial, Bob Conrad and Myrna Fahey for some soap blurbs, and Diane McBain for a shampoo pitch. Pat says commercials are good screen tests for at-

Tiny Little Returns to Marineland

"Big" Tiny Little and his ragtime quintet, one of the most musically dynamic shows to ever entertain at Marineland Restaurant, have opened a return engagement in the cliffside dining establishment.

The honky-tonk piano star and his band are presenting

Bacon?—Ursula Clemenson, Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Ursula: Bacon was Crisp.

(Mike Connolly welcomes all readers' questions but, due to the large volume of mail received, it may be some time before the answer to your question appears in his column.)

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