

# Entertainment

## What happened to Fred Gwynne?

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. Can you give me some information on Fred Gwynne, who played Herman on "The Munsters"? Is he doing any acting any more? — D.L.H., Oak View, Calif.

A. Fred Gwynne, 63, does considerable acting — on stage, TV and movies. He also does a lot of voices for commercials, and you can hear him regularly on the Hyundai spots.

Q. Is there any relationship between Deidre Hall and Monty Hall? — D.W., Flat River, Mo.

Q. Are Ken Howard and Ron Howard any relation? — M.E.C., Steubenville, Ohio.

Q. Are Douglas Barr and Bruce Boxleitner brothers or any relation? — E.C.H., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Q. I've heard that James Arness and Peter Graves are brothers. Is someone pulling my leg? — T.R., Carl Junction, Mo.

A. Only the last one is correct — James Arness and Peter Graves are brothers. But there is no relation between any of those other pairs.

Q. What happened to the character on "Knots Landing" who was Karen's daughter? They never mention her any more. — B.S., St. Joseph, Mo.

A. For "artistic reasons" — whatever that means — the show's creative forces decided to write her out. But that was accomplished in such an off-hand manner that, if they decide to, they can easily write her back in again.



Ken Wahl Fred Gwynne

Q. I have enclosed a business card from Vinny Terranova, of Port Richey, Fla. He is affiliated with Cops For Christ. Is there any connection to Vinny Terranova (Ken Wahl), the character of "Wiseguy"? — C.B., Fairview Bay, Ark.

A. No, simply a coincidence of names.

Q. I'm interested in the history of the major movie studios, and have books on all of them except Columbia Pictures. Can you recommend a book that addresses this subject? — E.L.C., Amarillo, Texas.

A. Columbia was primarily Harry Cohn's baby. The best book about the creation of that studio and its important years is a notable biography of that legendary mogul: "King Cohn," by Bob Thomas.

Q. What is the title of the movie Elizabeth Taylor played in with a collie when she was young? — D.F., Williamsport, Pa.

A. That was the great old collie movie, "Lassie Come Home," which was released in 1943.

Q. Was it Jean Harlow who started the platinum blonde fad in the '20s? When did she die? — Mrs. W.R.M., Erie, Pa.

A. Yes, Jean was the big platinum pusher. She died in 1937.

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## MTV adds 'rap' to its video awards

VIDEO BEAT



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MTV is adding four new categories to its annual Video Music Awards in this, its sixth year out. The additions: Best Rap Video, Beat Dance Video, Best Heavy Metal Video and Best Post-Modern Video.

Industry pros are voting now for nominees in these and other categories. Another new addition: Voters can fax in their ballots!

The winners will be announced Sept. 6 during the traditional live telecast. Arsenio Hall has been signed once again to host the ceremonies.

Blues legend John Lee Hooker is releasing a new album in August — it's something like his 111th, but who's counting? This time, he has musical support from young whippersnappers Robert Cray, George Thorogood, Carlos Santana, Bonnie Raitt, Los Lobos and Charlie Musselwhite.

Also due in August is a solo outing from Blondie's Debbie Harry. Did her featured role on TV's "Wiseguy" give new impetus to her career? Well, we note that the song her character sang on the show, "Bright Side," will be included on the LP.

Another star-studded compilation album benefiting a noble cause comes

out this autumn. Belinda Carlisle, REM, Lene Lovich, River Phoenix (now signed to a label and officially an actor/musician) and 10,000 Maniacs will lend their talents to PETA: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Island Records will release the disc.

U2 joined forces with the Irish Arts Council to open up the Dublin City Centre, a recording studio that offers free use of instruments and cut-rate studio time to aspiring bands in that city. The public-spirited Irish rockers donated the proceeds from an 1985 concert as well as their expertise to the project.

The Fat Boys return to the big screen in the appropriately named "Fat Tuesday," a musical comedy that places the rap trio in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. It seems somebody puts a curse on the poor fellows....

Who's the little girl in Adrian Belew's videoclip for "Oh, Daddy"? Why, his own 11-year-old daughter. The former King Crimson guitarist says the idea for the song — and the video — came when his little girl, Audie, turned to him one day and said, "If you're supposed to be a rock star, how come you're not on MTV?" Now he is — and so is she.

Rap act Public Enemy, nearing the platinum mark with the album "It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back," appears to have disbanded in the furor over anti-Semitic remarks by their "Minister of Information," Professor Griff. That seems a reasonable reaction to unacceptable racist behavior.

## Who's Gary on 'thirtysomething'?

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Q. Please let us know if the actor who plays Gary on "thirtysomething" is the same who played Animal on "Lou Grant." We all agree that Animal was no blond, but from there the disagreement gets quite heated. — T.L., Houston.

A. Cool off, simmer down and listen up. Peter Horton plays Gary. Daryl Anderson played Animal.

Q. I would like some information on Andrea Mitchell, the NBC News correspondent. Is she from Bellaire, Ohio? She looks like and talks like a cousin of mine, but then her name would be Mary Bopp. — M.J., Coshocton, Ohio.

A. Andrea is no Bopp. She comes from New York. So, you'll have to look for Cousin Mary someplace else.

Q. I recently saw the Jimmy Stewart movie "The Mortal Storm" on TV. In the cast were Robert Young, Margaret Sullivan, Robert Stack, Ward Bond and Frank Morgan. I had never heard of this movie. Why was it kept

secret? Was it because it dealt with the rise of Hitler to power? — W.P.G., Valdosta, Ga.

A. It wasn't kept secret at all. It was, in fact, well received when it



Peter Horton Lynne Moody

was released in 1940. It has long been considered a fine film.

Q. On the sitcom "Roseanne," has the little boy who plays D.J. changed since the first show? I say the boy on

the first show was older than the boy

Q. Lee Holdridge has written such beautiful music for "Beauty and the Beast." Are there plans for an album of selections from that series? — C.B., Albuquerque, N.M.

A. Yes. Capitol Hill will be releasing an album of themes from the program, together with some poetry readings by Ron (Beastie) Perlman. By the time you read this, the album may already be in the stores.

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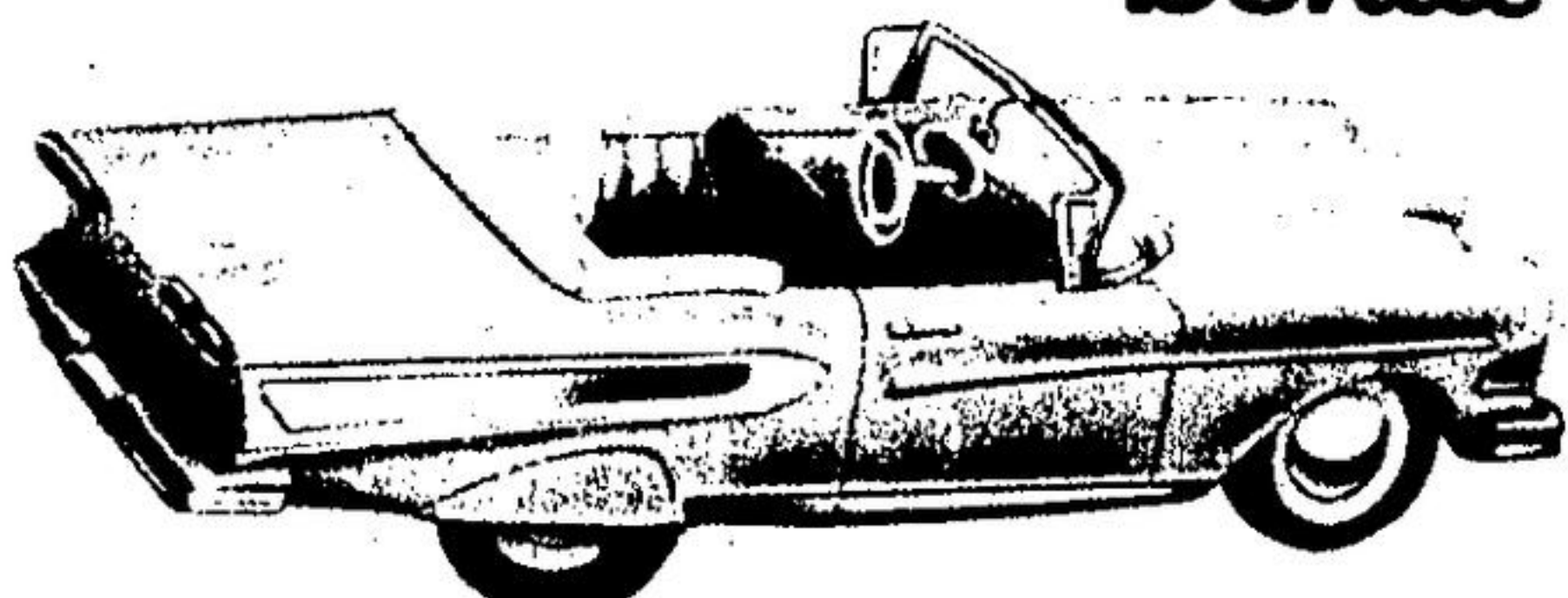
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