

Entertainment Outlook

Was it the 'Dream' house — or not?

ASK DICK KLEINER



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By Dick Kleiner

Q. Please settle a bet that my brother-in-law and I have with our wives. A steak dinner is riding on this. The wives say that the Dr. Bellows house in "I Dream of Jeannie" was the same house Darren and Sam resided in on "Bewitched." We think they are crazy, and can't wait for our freebie dinners. — N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. Try the filet mignon, boys. Different-houses. Those two shows overlapped — "Jeannie" ran from 1964-72 and "Bewitched" from 1965-70 — so it would have been impossible to use the same set for both shows. Crowded, too.

Q. There's a mink coat riding on this bet! I say "The Wizard of Oz," with Judy Garland, was made with color for the part where Dorothy is in Oz. My husband says color was added years later. — J.S. Maumelle, Ar.

A. I hope your husband is loaded, because he owes you a mink coat. The Oz sections were filmed in color for the original 1939 film.

Q. My friend says that Robert Downey Jr. is the son of Morton Downey Jr. I disagree. — A.S., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. Morton Junior is the son of Morton senior, the old radio singer. Robert junior is not part of that family.

Q. I should like to know what has happened to the excellent actor Tom Brown, who was a popular screen actor in the '30s and '40s. — J.E.E., Quincy, Ill.

A. Brown retired and lives in Southern California. I understand he is currently involved in the operation of gold and silver mines in the west.

Q. While watching some older movies on video — "Zulu," "The Ipcress File" and "The Ruling Class" — I noticed a British actor, Nigel Green, who I enjoyed very much. I know nothing about him, and don't know what other movies he acted in. Can you help? — J.H., Maitland Bridge, Nova Scotia.

A. Nigel Green, who was only 48 when he died in 1972, was a fine actor. Among his other film credits: "The Face of Fu Manchu," "Deadlier Than the Male," "Tobruk" and "Wrecking Crew."

Q. Could you tell me whose life the movie "The Rose" was about? I've heard many stories. — P.C., Amarillo, Texas.

A. It was based, very loosely, on Janis Joplin's life.

Q. What was the series that Craig T. Nelson played a pilot, and who played his family? — M.B.L., Fordyce, Ar.

A. "Call to Glory" was the series, 1984 was the year and he was supported by Cindy Pickett as his wife, and Gabriel Damon, Elizabeth Shue and David Hollander as his children.



Judy Garland Craig T. Nelson

Q. A friend of mine and myself have a bet on whether the upcoming 1989-90 season of "Cheers," with Ted Danson, will be its fourth or fifth. — Unsigned, Bellaire, Texas.

Q. Help! We have an argument going. When they refer to a program going into, say, the 10th season, do they mean years? Doesn't 10 seasons mean five years? — B.C.T., North Little Rock, Ark.

A. A season on TV is the period when the new shows are aired — generally from September until April or May. So 10 seasons does mean 10 years, although not complete 12-month years. For example, "Cheers" began in September 1982. So this coming September, the show will begin its eighth season. By the spring of 1990, eight seasons and eight years will have been completed.

Q. An actor on TV (or in a movie) is watching TV. The door bell rings. Before he answers, he turns off the TV set. Why? — M.T., Dillonvale, Ohio.

A. I have watched for a few weeks, since I received your question, and I have never seen that happen. However, if it does, I think it is simple politeness. If you have guests — and the

door bell generally signals the arrival of guests — you should turn off your TV set. Miss Manners would certainly approve.

Q. I've been trying for five years to get an answer, but no one will answer. I have a bet with a friend that Chuck Woolery is not the brother of Joanne Worley. My friend says he is. — M.P., Eureka, Calif.

A. That's a long bet, but you win — maybe you should demand interest on that money. No, they are not kin at all.

Q. My husband thinks "Shogun" with Richard Chamberlain, was on in the last three years. I say it was much longer ago than that. When did it first air on TV? — R.L., Tulla, Texas.

A. Much longer is right. It began its career on the night of Sept. 15, 1980.

Q. My friend says Olivia O'Havolin, the woman who played in "Gone With the Wind," is dead. I say she's not. Please settle this. — B.C., Blackstock, S.C.

A. She's alive, and if she reads this, she will fume over how you mangled her name. It's DeHavilland.

Q. We need your help to settle an argument between me and my spouse. Many years ago, I saw a movie with Olivia DeHavilland and a man who played her son. I think his name was John Lund. The movie ended with them dancing together at a Naval ball. What was the movie and was that John Lund? — A.G.W., Little Rock, Ark.

A. That was a '46 film called "To Each His Own." DeHavilland won an Oscar for her work in it and, yes, that was John Lund. It was, in fact, his film debut.

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The latest purveyors of all-American, down-home raunch 'n' roll are from ... Down Under. Johnny Diesel and the Injectors, whose self-titled debut on Chrysalis sounds like a cross between John Cougar Mellencamp and the Fabulous Thunderbirds, are Australia's latest gift to the American music market.

Funny thing is, while their bluesy, Midwestern-roots sound has elevated them triple platinum status at home, the guys can barely get noticed in the United States.

"I think you can see 'Don't Need Love' at five in the morning on MTV sometimes," laughs the band's singer/guitarist/ songwriter — whose name is actually Mark Lisotte, but has been stuck with the monicker Johnny Diesel.

Maybe it's because there's too much other straight-ahead rock 'n' roll over here. Or maybe, as Diesel puts it, "Rock 'n' roll means something different over here now. We're a guitar-bass-drum-sax band; there's nothing revolutionary about it, but it's quite unfashionable these days."

Mainly, though, it's a question of

good old marketing techniques and audience exposure.

"We were the most popular support band in Australia for two years," says Diesel. "We toured with every big rock 'n' roll band in the country. When the album came out, people were waiting for us."

"It took two and a half years in Australia. I don't expect it to happen overnight here."

With his "21 Jump Street" looks and his outgoing personality, 23-year-old Diesel — born in Massachusetts, raised in Perth and living in Sydney

— has become a major teen heart-throb back home. He doesn't care for it much, but it's a far cry from being the house band at the Backstage Bar, a local dive in Perth. Lately, the group's popularity has spread to Ger-

many and to France, where the boys (drummer Yak Sherrit, bassist Johnny Tatt and sax player Bernie Bremond complete the lineup) are due to appear on national television.

"We've gone from being a \$200 a night band to a 20,000 franc a night band," enthuses Diesel. He pauses. "That's more than \$200, isn't it?"

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