

# Sad Week in Entertainment News

The latest news I heard was that [Harvey Korman](#) died. One of the best comedy actors in his day, he starred on the “Carol Burnett Show” for years, and was in many of my favorite Mel Brooks Comedies.

[Dick Martin](#) from Laugh-In died on the 24th of May.

And finally on my list was the man who made America whistle. [Earl Hagen](#) the composer of the Andy Griffith Show theme, died this week.

So for all of these and other entertainers that recently died, have a laugh or just give a little whistle.

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## Defunct TV

I received another email forward that is worth mentioning today. It was a list of people’s first names followed by a tv show. The idea is that you are supposed to add your name to the list along with a tv show you used to watch that’s not on tv anymore. I was a huge fan of tv as a kid, and I watched it a lot, so it was fun to sit and think about shows that I enjoyed that aren’t on tv anymore. Since you were only supposed to add one show after your name on the email forward, I’m going to share the other shows I was going to put in it, along with imdb links so you can learn about them if you wish:

[Dolphin Cove](#) – This is the show I included with my name in the forward. It was originally an Australian show, but they tried

it in the US, and it only aired for one season, if that. I think there were 8 episodes. It was about an American widower who moves to Australia with his 2 children to work with dolphins. His daughter is mute because she is in shock after witnessing the accident that took her mother's life. She develops special communication skills with the dolphins. Since I was only 10 when the show aired, I don't remember much, I just know that I really liked it and that I was extremely disappointed when it didn't come back on tv. Since it was cancelled abruptly, there were some open-ended plot lines, and I waited for months hoping the show would be back. Of course it was not. If anyone knows how to get it tape or the internet or anything, let me know, I'd love to see it again! Oh, and something interesting I learned from imdb – apparently the show was written by [Peter Benchley](#), the author who wrote [Jaws](#). I read a book by him once called *The Beast*, and it was pretty scary. Not that *Dolphin Cove* was scary or anything like that, it's just a note. I'm not sure if he wrote the concept for the show or all the episodes or both, but it doesn't really matter much now anyway.

[The Charmings](#) – I was 9 years old when this show was on and I thought it looked stupid then, if that tells you anything. Still, as a pre-tween girl, the intrigue of a sitcom based on a fairy tale was irresistible, so I gave it a try, and I still found it dumb. The tagline says it all: *"Snow White and Prince Charming fell asleep in the Enchanted Forest... they woke up in Burbank!"* Unbelievably, this show actually WON a primetime Emmy and was nominated for 3 others. True, it won the Emmy for Outstanding Lighting Direction (Electronic) for a Comedy Series, (does that one even still exist?) but still... I guess that magic mirror was truly something to behold. The writing and acting apparently were not however, since the show only lasted for 2 seasons, and they switched Snow Whites after only 6 episodes.

[The Carol Burnett Show](#) – I'm not talking about the well-known

show that ran from 1967-1978 since I wasn't around for that; I'm talking about the hour-long show that aired in the early '90's. Each show featured a series of sketches with an awesome cast of supporting actors, and this is where I was introduced to an actor named [Richard Kind](#), who went on to do shows such as [Mad About You](#) and [Spin City](#). I loved every skit he was in on The Carol Burnett Show of the '90's – they were my favorites. I don't know how long the show lasted because I was very young at this time and there is not much info on it at [imdb.com](#), but I know that it should have lasted longer because it was true family entertainment – very funny for all ages.

[Silver Spoons](#) – Hardly anyone in my generation has forgotten this show. Airing for 5 seasons, it made a star of a young [Rick Schroder](#) (then he was known as Ricky Schroder, a heart-throb for teen girls everywhere!) as a spoiled rich kid who lived in a mansion but faced many of the problems normal teenagers face. His father (played by [Joel Higgins](#), whatever happened to him?) was a toy inventor, so needless to say, their house and the gadgets inside were pretty cool and fun to watch. It's hard to believe this show only lasted for 5 seasons, but then again, it was rerun on so many networks in syndication, and that's where I saw the majority of the episodes I watched. I still remember the theme song, and no, I didn't have to look it up first, which I guess is a little sad, but anyway: *"Here we are, face to face, a couple of Silver Spoons. Hopin to find, we're two of a kind, making a go, making it grow, together..."* I could go on, but you get the idea.

As an avid tv watcher, of course I watched many more shows than the ones I've listed here. These are just the ones that came to my mind today which I thought would make interesting conversation. And, for extra fun, here is a copy of the forward:

How many shows can we come up with that we USED to watch that

are no

> longer on TV? Add one and keep going.

> This should be fun and jog our memories. No repeats on the shows please.

> Send to all your friends and back to me.

> Lisa.....Dolphin Cove

> Jamy.....Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman

> Barb.....Little House on the Prairie

> Dutch.....Dragnet

> Marilyn.....Friday night fights!!

> Dutch.....Dynasty

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> Carol.....Streets of Sanfrancisco

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> Cheryl.....St. Elsewhere

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> Lisa.....Here Comes the Brides

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> Toni.....Peyton Place

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> Mary.....Topper

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> Madeline.....Friday Nite Videos

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> Sheila.....China Beach

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> Twyla.....I Remember Mama

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> Sandy.....Dallas

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> Melanie.....The Adventures Of Brisco County

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> Ellen..... Sports Night

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> Karen.....Hawaii 5-0

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> Pat.....Lucy's Toy Shop

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> Karma.....Happy Days  
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> Shari.....That Girl  
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> Bill.....Checkmate  
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> Judy.....Amos 'N Andy  
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> Peg .....Mickey Mouse Club  
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> Ron —— Lucky Strike Hit Parade  
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> Paula.....My Three Sons  
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> Cindy.....Mary Heart Line  
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> Barb.....I Love Lucy  
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> Glenda.....Phil Donahue Show  
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> MARLENE.....MY LITTLE MARGIE  
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> AJ.....Saturday Night Hit Parade  
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> June.....The Naked City  
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> Jeanie.....Danny Thomas Show  
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> Pam.....Bozo The Clown  
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> Kim .....Andy Griffith Show  
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> Cassie.....30 something  
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> Kay.....Saturday Night FRIGHTS (good ol scary movie  
night)

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> Kaye.....Dick Van Dyke  
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> Karen Rust .....Father Knows Best (way back)  
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> Kat D.....Mama's Family  
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> Janna.....The Love Boat  
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> Dan.....Night Court  
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> Maureen.....Once and Again  
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> Michele .....Bosom Buddies  
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> Jennifer.....The Lawrence Welk Show  
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> Marilyn.....Dr. Kildare  
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> Diane.....Have Gun Will Travel  
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>Phyllis.....Bonanza  
  
>Sharon.....Winky Dink

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## Horton Hears a ZZZzzzz...

Took the kids to see [Horton Hears a Who](#) today. Ok, so the title of the blog is a bit misleading... it wasn't really boring. I am just so tired that I'm 2 for 2 in the falling asleep in the movie theater tally this week. I actually liked what I saw of the movie. With the exception of my 3-year-old running up and down the aisle, I enjoyed the experience. It

wasn't totally her fault though; we went to an Easter egg hunt this morning, so she had LOTS of sugar coursing through her veins, which is why she was extra-hyper and running around the movie theater. Once we flushed the sugar with plenty of non-sugary fluids, I was able to relax and enjoy the show – after a trip to the bathroom, of course. It should actually be called a candy clean-up since they pick candy up off the floor; it has nothing to do with Easter eggs or hunting. Still fun though, I'm just saying.

Before the movie started, I found myself wishing I had read the book, just to see how close the movie is to the book because now I have no idea. But as far as Dr. Suess movies go, this is the best one I've seen. Then again, I HATED [The Cat in the Hat](#), and never saw the live-action version of [How the Grinch Stole Christmas](#), so there's not much to compare it to in that respect.

The movie is about an elephant named Horton who lives in a jungle in what must be a fictional place because to my knowledge, there aren't any jungles that have both kangaroos and elephants as indigenous species. I know, it's just a Dr. Suess movie and I'm probably reading too far into it, but I can't help but think of that sort of thing. And judging by Horton's ears, he is an African elephant, not an Asian elephant... ok, I'll stop. So anyway, Horton hears a Who. A Who is actually a type of teeny-tiny person that lives in Whoville, all of which is located on a speck on a clover. The rest of the story is about how Horton tries to save Whoville from a conniving kangaroo (played by the brilliant [Carol Burnett](#)) intent on destroying it. I don't usually like when I know the big-name actors voicing roles in an animated movie – it kind of distracts me, which is what happened when I heard [Jim Carrey](#) as the voice of Horton. His voice also made the Horton character seem less cute to me, but I did like Carol Burnett as that scheming kangaroo. And, hearing [Steve Carell](#) as the mayor of Whoville was not distracting at all –

he is even good at voice-over acting – is there ever a role he'll butcher? Watching the opening credits, I noticed a plethora of recognizable actors lending voicework for this movie; among them: Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, [Will Arnett](#) (from Arrested Development), [Seth Rogan](#), [Isla Fisher](#) (from Wedding Crashers – she was surprisingly good as a cartoon voice), [Jonah Hill](#), and [Amy Poehler](#).

It's a cute movie that's perfect for the whole family, even though my 3-year-old asked about where the princesses were until the last 10 minutes of the movie. When it was over, she did say she liked it, sans princesses and all. There are some jokes for the parents that will go over the kids' heads, and that's always enjoyable in a kids' movie – although I could have done without the kangaroo saying, "This is the jungle; we can't behave like wild animals." – just WAY too cheesy, think I've even heard that joke before somewhere else! I loved how the Mayor of Whoville has 96 daughters and 1 son – someday I might know what that is like! Is that in the book I wonder? It seems almost too clever to be an add-in for the movie... Either way, I will have to go borrow the book from the library to see how close the movie followed it, but I have heard that the book is pretty closely followed. I've always liked Dr. Seuss, and it's a shame he's not still around to gift us with any more of his work or to see his creations come to life on the big screen.

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## Horton Sees the Idols

What better way to promote a new movie than on America's number one television show which is seen by millions every week. Last season two movies peddled themselves on American Idol, [Shrek 3rd](#) and [The Simpson's Movie](#). The top ten finalists



were treated to the premiere showing of Shrek and got to go backstage for the behind the scenes work of The Simpsons. The Shrek connection kind of threw me since Dreamworks is not affiliated with FOX (that I am aware). Of course, money talks.

Last night's result show also featured a promotional opportunity for 20th Century Fox's latest attempt to transform a Dr. Seuss book into a theatrical masterpiece. The last two (The Grinch and The Cat in the Hat) were mediocre at best. I'm not sure if Horton Hears a Who will follow in their footsteps, but the cast list seems promising. Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, and Amy Poehler are a few of the talents who are lending their voices to the animated feature.

In order to further promote the film, Jim Carrey was in the American Idol studio audience with a giant set of elephant ears on his head and humongous elephant shoes on his feet. I personally felt sorry for the man who sat behind him. Later, the man of a thousand faces blended in with the finalists who were nervously awaiting the announcement of the contestant who would be getting the hook, axe, or otherwise sent packing.

I hesitate to tell you that the poor soul who was voted off the island (oops wrong show) was a young man who (according to newspaper articles) previously was employed as a male stripper at an establishment that catered mostly to male clientele. It would not be American Idol if there was not a bit of controversy.