

HOLLYWOOD ICONS WHO ARE GONE IN 2023!

By Rose Quintiliano

HOLLYWOOD—We are ready to do this.....10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3, 2,1...Happy New Year 2024! Let's see what colors the Empire state Building will light up with for the New Year. All eyes will be on Times Square. As the clock resets and a new chapter begins, may the canvas of 2024 be painted with moments of joy, love, and countless successes. Here's to leaving behind the old and stepping into the new with hope, courage, and a heart full of dreams, with a year of growth and triumphs.

The year of 2023 has been hard on most people, especially the loss of actors, musicians, authors and other renowned figures. So many young stars, like Adam Rich, gone too soon at the age of 54, or soap opera actor Billy Miller, who passed prematurely at 43. Back in April 2023, we said goodbye to Jerry Springer, 79, who bravely battled cancer but left us. For a whopping 27 years, Jerry was the charismatic host of the popular "The Jerry Springer Show" where he brought unforgettable and uproarious moments to screens all across America.

Known as the sex symbol Raquel Welch, 82, the iconic actress and model became famous for her mesmerizing

roles in movies like "One Million Years B.C." and "Fantastic Voyage," her career spanned decades. Her legacy as a beloved Hollywood icon is everlasting. She leaves behind a son, Damon Welch, and a daughter, Latanne "Tahnee" Welch, who is also an accomplished actress. Another actress Suzanne Somers, 76, departed from us on October 15, just a day short of her 77th birthday. Her passing was a long and tough battle with cancer. She became famous for her role in "Three's Company."

Tina Turner, the iconic singer, 83, passed away peacefully at her place in Kusnacht, Switzerland, after battling illness for a while. Her killer voice, electrifying shows were timeless and unforgettable in music history. Another singer who was one of my favorites, Jimmy Buffet, 76, passed away on September 1, 2023, after a long battle with skin cancer. His hit song, Margaritaville stayed for 22 days on the Billboard Hot 100 list and inspired generations of his fans-known as "Parrotheads," to celebrate easy living. Fans flocked to Margaritaville restaurants that Buffet had opened and lifted their glasses in tribute to the musician.

Iconic Burt Bacharach, 94, passed in his home in Los Angeles. He was famous for

pinning, I "Say A Little Prayer," "Walk On By" and "What The World Needs Now Is Love." He worked with artists including Dionne Warwick, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Barbara Streisand, Tom Jones, Aretha Franklin and Elvis Costello. Harry Belafonte, 96, was widely known for popularizing Caribbean music and calypso. Bob Barker, 99, the longtime host of staple show "The Price Is Right," also passed away in 2023.

Actor Matthew Perry, 54, died in 2023, and it took everyone by surprise, after an apparent drowning at his LA residence. An autopsy report revealed that Perry's cause of death was due to "acute effects of ketamine," according to published reports. The official determination of the manner of death is classified as an accident, specifically labeled as "drug and drowning related."

Actor Ryan O'Neal, 82, known for his riveting role in "Love Story," and "Paper Moon," alongside his daughter Tatum O'Neal who played a charismatic 9-year-old in the film. His death was not disclosed, but in 2012, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, a decade later after his initial diagnosis of chronic leukemia. He was twice divorced and linked with Farah

Fawcett for nearly three decades, and they welcomed a son named Redmond in 1985.

On and off relationship, however he stood by Fawcett's side during her battle with cancer, which claimed her life in 2009 at the age of 62. Actor Robert Blake, 89, known for many roles, especially "Baretta," passed in his home in Los Angeles. His professional life and legacy became somewhat tarnished by the death of his second wife. Despite Blake being acquitted in the murder case in 2005, he was found liable for Bonny Lee Bakley's death months later in a civil suit filed by the victim's four children.

So many actors, singers passed in the year 2023, including Jeff Beck, David McCallum, Paul Reubens and many more. May their legacy carry live in our hearts forever.

Rose's Scoop: Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year filled with love and peace surrounded by family and friends. Afterall that's what's truly important! May all your wishes come true. The year 2024 marks 23 years I've been writing for this wonderful newspaper, Thank You for your continued support and readership!

CYRUS RENAULT LEARNS A SECRET ON "GENERAL HOSPITAL"

By Donald Thompson

HOLLYWOOD—A secret has been divulged and let me say it is a big one on "General Hospital." How so? Cyrus Renault overheard a conversation between Michael and Nina about her role in reporting Carly and Drew to the SEC. Things were made even worse when Nina confessed it all to Cyrus while in church! The fact that Cyrus told Nina to confess the truth is a sign he might be turning a new leaf.

Yes, Cyrus has some major Intel, but what he plans to do with it, I have no idea, but I expect he plans to use it against Michael and Nina to stick it to Sonny. This doesn't really hurt Sonny initially because he's not tied to anything that can hurt him business wise, but on an emotional level that is something else people. Nina's situation is only worse because Ned is pressuring her to give him something on Aurora or he plans to squeal. I cannot believe Ned is willing to take the fall for Nina's tip leak to ensure he gets a business edge?

It makes absolutely no sense because is Ned that threatened by Drew and Michael's burgeoning business relationship? Ned could easily take back the reigns of the Quartermaine family business if he wanted, he just needs to get Tracy's blessing in the process. Nina did come to Carly to attempt to spill the truth, and ask for forgiveness, but Carly being Carly refused to budge on things.

In other Port Charles news, Aiden came out to Elizabeth in a beautiful moment for the small screen. I feel like the writers could



Cyrus knows a big secret that he is ready to spill on "General Hospital."

be doing so much more with Elizabeth and her children, but the focus at the moment seems to be all on her relationship with Finn, which is just such a slow burn there is not much excitement there, I'm sorry it just isn't. If you think the case involving Pikeman, the WSB, Anna Devane, Agent Brennan and Jameson Forsythe is over, something is odd here. Brennan has been exposed and arrested, but that conversation he hinted to Anna seemed to indicate there is plenty of more to come, which Anna sensed.

Esme, yes, after more than a year or longer of losing her memory it came back while she was decorating a tree with Ace. Yes, the old Esme is back, but is she about to return to her conniving ways. Spencer and Trina are hoping she has turned over a new leaf, but Esme broke into Wyndemere, which alarmed Ava, Sonny, Laura and Dante. Ava thinks it is the person sending her those threats. We all know that person is not Esme, hell we have no clue who is threatening Ava at the moment, but I suspect Nikolas. With that said, Esme dropped a glove while at Wyndemere that Dante has in his possession as evidence. Laura pointed out it was a women's glove so we shall see how this plays out.

Is Esme about to stick it to Spencer and Trina in a way they never see coming? What about Nikolas and Elizabeth who held her hostage? What are her plans for Ava people? I'm glad to see the wicked Esme back because she is such a fun villainess you love to hate.