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## " M \* A \* S \* H " N O T E S

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HOLLYWOOD -- "M\*A\*S\*H" is the eighth TV series in which Harry Morgan has been a regular co-star, which must be some kind of a record. Starting in 1954 with "December Bride," the veteran actor has full-timed in "Pete And Gladys," "Kentucky Jones," "The Richard Boone Show," "Dragnet," "The D.A." and "Hec Ramsey." Morgan says the best came last...

And "M\*A\*S\*H," the 20th Century-Fox high-rated show, is the second series in which Mike Farrell -- who plays Capt. B.J. Hunnicutt on the CBS comedy -- has portrayed a surgeon. He played a more orthodox physician in "The Interns." The former U.S. Marine previously wore military garb in "Ensign O'Toole," "McHale's Navy," "Combat" and "Daniel Boone"...

Loretta (Hot Lips) Swit, who owns one of the classiest chassis in Hollywood, still refuses to pose for cheesecake photographs...

Larry Linville, the Maj. Frank Burns of "M\*A\*S\*H," is slapping finishing touches on a new hang-glider. The first glider he built was left out in a rare Southern California rain and got warped...

Jamie Farr, who plays the pseudo-psycho, Klinger, trying for an Army discharge by wearing women's clothes, boasts one of the fanciest wardrobes in Hollywood -- at last count it was 97 dresses, 32 pairs of shoes and 29 hats...

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'M\*A\*S\*H' notes...

Gene Reynolds, executive producer of "M\*A\*S\*H" (and also a distinguished director, writer and actor) started his career as a kid actor in films by usually portraying the star as a child in flashback sequences. Among those he portrayed as children were John Beal in "Madame X," Robert Taylor in "The Crowd Roars," Don Ameche in "Sins Of Man," Ricardo Cortez in "In Old California" and Tyrone Power in "In Old Chicago"...

Alan Alda, a pretty versatile guy himself, will direct three episodes of "M\*A\*S\*H" for the comedy's upcoming fifth season on CBS-TV...

Both Jamie Farr and Gary (Radar) Burghoff have launched their own nightclub acts and already toured the Playboy circuit around the country in addition to amusement parks. Their acts are "good clean fun," sort of nitery family hours. Burghoff, incidentally, was the original Charlie Brown on Broadway...He also is the only member from the cast of the "M\*A\*S\*H" movie...

William Christopher, who plays Father Mulcahy in "M\*A\*S\*H," spends time on the set between scenes reading Homer in the original Greek...which is all Greek to me!

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