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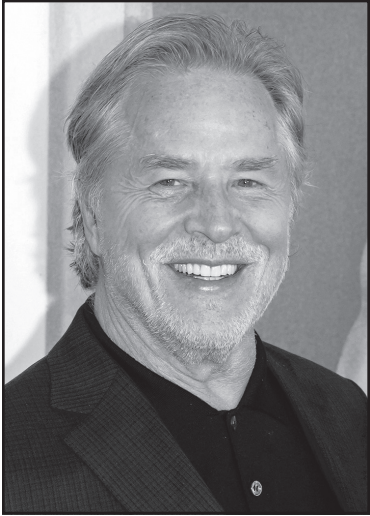
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## HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Don Johnson ("Miami Vice")

"Top Gun: Maverick" director Joseph Kosinski is planning to remake "Miami Vice," the hit series that ran from 1984-1990 and starred Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas. This is despite Michael Mann's film version bombing in 2006, which starred Jamie Foxx and Colin Farrell. It cost \$150 million but only grossed \$164.2 million.

I met Johnson in 1969 when he starred with Sal Mineo in a Hollywood theater production of "Fortune and Men's Eyes." I remember we did several photo sessions together, and he told me about his aspirations for his future. Forty-four films later and the series "Nash Bridges" (with Cheech Marin), he's starring in ABC's "Doctor Odyssey," which appears to be a hit.

Johnson has been married to Melanie Griffith and dated Nicolette Sheridan, Patti D'Arbanville, Barbra Streisand, Uma Thurman and Penelope Ann Miller. He got back together with Griffith (producing actress Dakota Johnson), and his various relationships gave him five children in total. What a tell all book that'll make!

Brad Pitt jumped from "F1," which opens on June 27, into "La La Land" director Damien Chazelle's "Heart of the Beast." He'll star opposite Oscar winner J.K. Simmons and play a former Navy SEAL who is trying to adjust to civilization after surviving the Alaskan wilderness.

Next, Pitt will head to Europe for "The Riders" (directed by "Conclave's" Edward Berger), in which he searches Europe for his missing wife. Then he'll follow "The Riders" with Netflix's "The Continuing Adventures of Cliff Booth," which was written by Quentin Tarantino.

Pitt's publicly discussed struggling with what he believes is prosopagnosia (aka "face blindness") -- a neurological disorder that makes it difficult to recognize faces, including people you know. They know him, but he may not know them from Adam!

\*\*\* In 1978, I saw a little stoner film called "Up in Smoke" about two potheads and their marijuana adventures. The stoners were Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong, aka Cheech and Chong. They wanted to make a movie so

badly that they were railroaded by Paramount Pictures into a terrible deal for six low-budget films they had to write, produce, direct and star in.

In their current documentary "Cheech & Chong's Last Movie," they revealed that the film cost \$2 million to make and grossed \$104 million. But they were only paid a pair of lime-green shoes and \$100, which eventually turned into \$25,000 for each of them on the back end. Talk about the short end of the lollipop!

"Up in Smoke" was followed by "Cheech and Chong's Next Movie" (1980), "Nice Dreams" (1981), "Things Are Tough All Over" (1982), "Still Smokin'" (1983), and "Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers" (1984). They were so naive that you might say their profits went - what else? - "Up in Smoke!"

### Super Crossword

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- Which artist wrote and released "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"?
- Name the artist who was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight.
- Who released the 1962 cover of "Ruby Baby"?
- Which artist co-wrote and released "Running Scared"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I thought I could live without romance until you came to me, But now I know that I will go on loving you eternally."

**Answers**  
 1. Stevie Wonder, in 1973. The song won a Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance and was entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2002.

2. Elton John, now known as Sir Elton Hercules John after receiving a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1995. He was also knighted in 1998 for services to music.

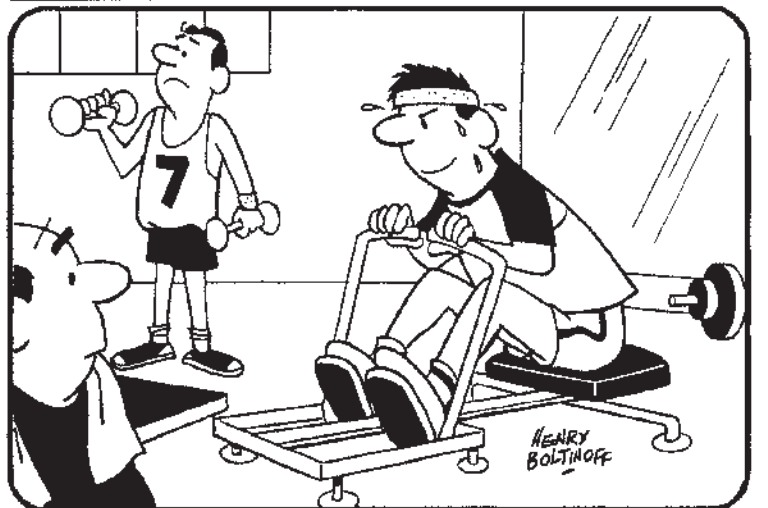
3. Dion. The song reached No. 2 on the Hot 100 chart.

4. Roy Orbison, in 1961.

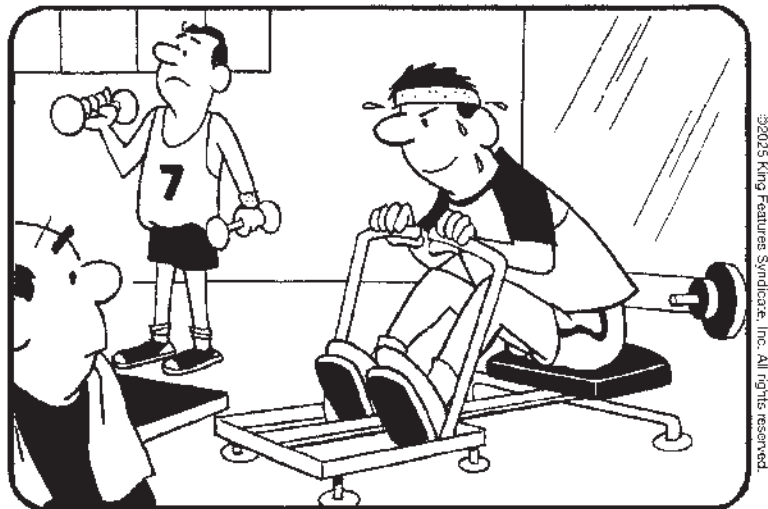
5. "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You," by Elvis Presley, in 1956. After 17 takes with no perfect version and being on deadline, the record company producer ended up splicing pieces of version 14 to pieces of version 17. No one could tell he'd done that.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



- Differences: 1. Stripe on sock is missing. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Number on shirt is smaller.

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