

# Remember

## 1975-TV

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Cher Bono, the skinny singer with the visible navel, made more news than any other Hollywood star during 1975.

She was married to rock singer Gregg Allman, filed for divorce, reconciled, then was sued for divorce by Allman and reconciled again. Cher also reunited with Sonny Bono professionally to keep her show on the air.

Other than that, Cher had an uneventful year except for plunging necklines and Nielsen ratings.

Those old headline makers, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, were remarried in Africa after a year of divorce and subsequent romances which left them terminally in love with one another.

The Burton-Taylor nuptials were witnessed by hippos, herons and other disinterested fauna.

While marriage seemed generally to be on the wane among couples who simply chose to live together, some Hollywood notables were still marching up the aisle.

Among those trodding the familiar path was Zsa Zsa Gabor who took businessman Jack Ryan for her sixth lawfully wedded husband, thereby further popularizing the wash-and-wear wedding gown.

Glamor girls Jennifer O'Neill, Karen Black and Margaux Hemingway were married and so was oldtimer Merle Oberon.

Bachelors broken to double harness during the year were George Peppard, Richard Thomas and Freddie Prinz, all of whom star in their own television series.

Eddie Fisher exchanged vows with his fourth bride.

Divorces and separations among the pretty people topped the number of marriages, as usual.

Uncoupled during 1975 were Edy Williams, Maggie Smith, Dionne Warwick, Phyllis Diller, Yvonne DeCarlo and Hayley Mills.

Regaining their freedom were

Rex Harrison, Jan-Michael Vincent, John Hutson, Michael Crawford, Glen Campbell, Mickey Rooney, Andy Williams and Mac Davis.

Unfailingly, deaths led the Hollywood vital statistics as stars of yesteryear took curtain calls before heading for that big sound stage in the sky.

Death overtook actresses Susan Hayward, Gertrude Nielsen, Cass Daley, Mary Ure and Marjorie Main. Gone, too, were Arthur Treacher, Fredric March, Richard Conte, Larry Parks, Bruce Lee, Ben Blue and Ozzie Nelson.

Two of the original three

stooges, Moe Howard and Larry Fine, died during the year.

Three distinguished directors passed away in 1975, George Stevens, George Marshall and William Wellman.

Writer Rod Serling and producer Charles P. Skouras, former head of 20th Century-Fox, also died.

There was a rash of tragic suicides among the offspring of stars. In a period of a few weeks Jenny Arness, daughter of Jim (Gunsmoke) Arness, Dan Dailey's son, Dan III, and Jonathan Peck, son of Gregory Peck, took their own lives.

Charlie Chaplin was knighted

by Queen Elizabeth.

It was a year that saw Universal's "Jaws" break all boxoffice records in the United States and Canada with a take of more than \$150 million.

An Academy Award went to "The Godfather Part II" for Best Picture. Art Carney won the Oscar for his performance in "Harry and Tonto." Ellen Burstyn won the coveted award for "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore."

Television began experimenting with family viewing time to the outrage of producers and writers and the huzzas of watch-and-ward groups.

"All In The Family" led the weekly television series all season as the most popular show on the air as the country tuned in more and more frequently to situation comedy and away from sex and violence.