

'Hustler' publisher Larry Flynt visits Lou Gordon

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Larry Flynt, flamboyant publisher of "Hustler" magazine is guest on the "Lou Gordon Program" at 10 p.m. Saturday on Channel 50.

Flynt was released on bond in Cincinnati last Tuesday pending appeal of his seven-to-35 year sentence for pandering obscenity and "engaging in organized crime." The release came just in time for Flynt to put together

next month's issue of his controversial porn magazine.

"I'll keep 'Hustler' on the market if I have to sell it on street corners myself," Flynt says.

Flynt has called upon journalists in the country to either rescue him or give up their own First Amendment rights with his, which he claims were violated. There has not been a stampede to his bandwagon.

Flynt publishes a magazine widely considered to be the most tasteless of

its genre. He has, however, gathered support from some civil libertarians who fear local law officials around the country will use Flynt's conviction as a tool for harassing national publications of less objectionable standards.

This will be Flynt's second appearance on the Gordon program. In his first interview, Flynt challenged the publisher of "Soldier of Fortune" magazine for printing a photograph of a Rhodesian soldier whose skull was split open.

Flynt reprinted the photograph in

his own magazine with the caption, "This is obscene."

AT THE OTHER end of the spectrum we have Pat Boone and Patti Page, who have about as much in common with Flynt as he has with "Ladies Home Journal."

Boone and Miss Page will be the co-hosts of the "Academy of Country Music Awards" at 11:30 p.m., Feb. 24 on Channel 7. They will be joined by LeVar Burton (Kunta Kinte in "Roots"), David Soul, Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, T.G. Shepherd, Joe

Campanella and Claude Akins.

The all-star cast of performers includes Freddy Fender, Ronnie Milsap, Don Williams, Donna Fargo and Mel Tillis.

And if that's not wholesome enough for you, try John Denver in his special "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" on Channel 7 this coming March 2.

His guests will include Glen Campbell, Roger Miller, Johnny Cash and Mary Kay Place of "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman."

Denver, incidentally, is currently filming a starring role with George Burns

On The Air

in a new motion picture written and directed by Carl Reiner. The film will be called "On God."

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CURTAIN TIME

Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, heart-tugging songs of Jacques Brel in musical through Sunday at The Raven Gallery in Southfield. Show times Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:15 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 9:15 and 11:30 p.m. Call 557-2622.

I Do! I Do!, musical hit about marriage, with spirited co-stars Phil Marcus Esser and Nancy Gurwin, at Botsford Inn Dinner Theatre in Farmington Hills. Performances every Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Buffet dinner at 7, curtain 8:30 p.m. Group theater packages available. Call 474-4806.

The Merchant of Venice, classic masterpiece by William Shakespeare, opening Thursday at Meadow Brook Theatre on Oakland University campus in Rochester. Through March 20. Tickets at Hudson's or theater box office at 377-3000.

Pre-Theatre Dining at Meadow Brook Hall before evening performance at Meadow Brook Theatre or after-theater dining, following 6:30 p.m. performance Sunday. Call 377-3140 for reservations.

Lovers and Other Strangers, contemporary comedy starring Hugh Copland and featuring Pierre Turgeon at Somerset Dinner Theatre, Somerset Mall, Troy, Fridays-Saturdays. Buffet dinner served by Alfred's Restaurant beginning at 7:30; 8:15 p.m. curtain. Reservations at 643-8865.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, musical version of Betty Smith novel about turn-of-the-century Brooklyn and the Nolan family, presented by First Theater Guild of Birmingham at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and March 4-5 in Knox Auditorium, First Presbyterian Church.

Birmingham. Senior citizens matinee at 2 p.m. March 5. Tickets at 644-2040.

My Sister Eileen, comedy by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov presented by Will-O-Way Repertory Company at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and March 4-5, 11-12 at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets at 644-4418.

CONCERTS

Unforseen new dance choreographed by Romanticism master Jacob Laseu performed by Oakland Dance Theater at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 8:30 and 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets at the door or from Oakland University ticket office. Call 377-3190 for information.

Michigan Ballet Theatre presents "Youth Fantasies" at 3 p.m. Sunday at Farmington Harrison High School Auditorium. Two ballets, "Peter and the Wolf," along with "The Snow Queen." Tickets at 626-1893, or the Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

Student Recital by Jill Harbeck at 3 p.m. Sunday in Varper Recital Hall on Oakland University campus in Rochester. Free.

Musical Tribute to Benjamin Britten (English composer) at 4 p.m. Sunday at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Presented by Cranbrook School and Kingswood School Cranbrook. Free.

TALKING

Open Format of Birmingham University Church, sponsored lecture-demonstration by William Baker "Jazz: It Isn't That Hard to Understand" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at church in Bloomfield Hills.

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