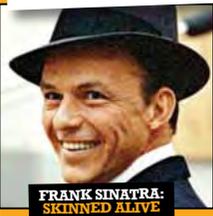
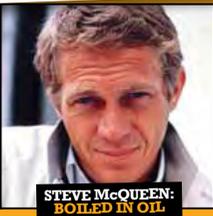


CHARLES MANSON'S

SECRET HOLLYWOOD DEATH LIST



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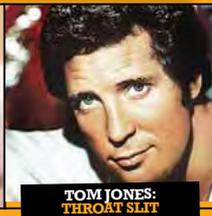
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We all know what happened to Sharon Tate, but did you know of the Manson Family's torture and murder plans for the rest of Hollywood?

Imagine picking up a newspaper in 1969 with a headline that screamed: "Frank Sinatra Found Skinned!" Or, "Elizabeth Taylor's Eyes Gouged Out!" Or, "Tom Jones Has His Throat Slit!"

All three – and a few famous others – came perilously close to being front page news, in all the wrong ways, at the bloody fag end of the 1960s.

Charles Manson was the man who put a bloody full stop on the 1960s. His name is one of the most famous in American history and his followers, named the Manson Family, were responsible for one of American history's most notorious murders. The actress Sharon Tate, then the wife of high-flying movie director Roman Polanski was butchered by the Family in a demented plan to kick off a race war. But their intentions were to terrorise Hollywood with an orgy of bizarre murders.

Today, Manson stands as an icon of evil, a historical conundrum – a man who came out of the American counterculture, but warped its woolly pacifist ideals. Yet for all the devilry attached to Charles Manson, he cuts a faintly ludicrous figure, a barely educated, albeit charismatic, fantasist whose cockamamie theories worked only on dim, suburban drop-outs looking for a way to piss off ma and pa.

Tate's murder and the list of celebs Manson had in his sights were part of a garbled and comically far-fetched theory Manson had that involved plans to initiate a war between blacks and whites. Through a series of killings that he believed would be blamed on the black community, a race war would ensue. Manson and his gang of blood-hungry flower children would then retreat to a secret city underneath Death Valley and wait for the victorious black population to realise they couldn't rule by themselves, by which time the Manson Family would rise up and rule America. A Ken Beatles nut, he called it Helter Skelter. "It will be our world then," he told his followers.

"There will be no one else, except for us and the black servants."

Tate was two weeks from giving birth when she was stabbed 16 times by a gang of Manson's followers on 9 August 1969. "Leave a sign," Manson, ever the dark self-publicist, told them. "Something witchy." "Death to Pigs" and "Helter Skelter" were later found scrawled in blood at Tate's home.

It's only because one of Tate's killers confessed to a fellow inmate, while in prison on other charges a few months later, that Manson and his followers were arrested. The woman's name was Susan Atkins and she also told her cellmate about a 'secret death list' that would have rocked Hollywood to the core...

FRANK SINATRA: SKINNED ALIVE

Old Blue Eyes was – in 1969 – one of the most famous men in the world and so was an obvious target for the Family. "Frank Sinatra was on the list," Atkins said in a documentary, decades later. "They were going to hang him from a meat hook while playing his music, skin him alive and then make purses that would be sold in all the hippie shops in the district. That way everyone could own a piece of Frank Sinatra."



POLANSKI & TATE: What could possibly go wrong?



DON'T CALL ME MARILYN: Hair like a girl in 1969

CELEBRITY MURDERS

Just some of those that were more successful...

JOHN LENNON (1980)

Shot and killed outside the Dakota Building in New York in 1980 by deranged fan Mark Chapman.

TUPAC SHAKUR (1996)

Killed in a drive-by shooting after an earlier gang altercation.

MARVIN GAYE (1984)

The legendary soul singer was shot dead by his own father.

GIANNI VERSACE (1997)

The fashion designer was one of five victims of gunman Andrew Cunanan, who later shot himself.

PHIL HARTMAN (1998)

He was a mainstay of Saturday Night Live and the voice of Troy McClure in The Simpsons, and was shot dead by his wife as he slept.

JILL DANDO (1999)

Shot and killed outside her home. Barry George was convicted and later acquitted. Her real killer remains unknown.

SAL MINEO (1976)

Mineo, who starred opposite James Dean in Rebel Without a Cause, was stabbed by a pizza deliveryman in the alley behind the apartment building.



STEVE MCQUEEN: BOILED IN OIL

By Sinatra standards, movie icon Steve McQueen gets off lightly. He may have been the king of cool, but Manson planned to see him boiled to death in oil. His great escape came when the Family was apprehended just days after the Tate murders in August 1969, but when news of the death list broke that winter, it still sent a chill through the Hollywood hills. McQueen was just one of many stars who went on to make their homes more like fortresses, a legacy that endures to this day, and a long way from the original west coast hippie dream.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR & RICHARD BURTON: CARVED AND CASTRATED

Manson's plans for the Hollywood power couple of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were to carve the words Helter Skelter into her face with a red-hot knife, and then to castrate him. A care package containing Taylor's eyes and Burton's porksword would then be sent to Taylor's ex, Eddie Fisher, to further stoke panic among white society.

DORIS DAY: RAPED AND IMPALED

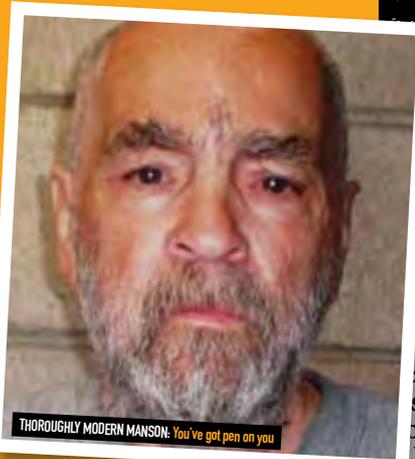
As an aspiring singer-songwriter in star-studded California, Manson befriended The Beach Boys' Dennis Wilson and auditioned for Doris Day's son, record producer Terry Melcher. Manson even visited Melcher at his home at 10050 Cielo Drive, which is where the Tate murders subsequently took place. At the trial, Susan Atkins told the jury the address was chosen to instil fear into Terry Melcher, "who had given us his word on a few things and never came through with them." The Family also had plans for his megastar mother, who would have been raped and then killed.

TOM JONES: THROAT SLIT

Finally, even the Welsh weren't immune from the Manson madness. Our own Tom Jones would have had his throat slit under the Manson regime - immediately after being forced to have sex with Susan Atkins. "It came out at the trial that Manson used to tell his followers that people like me were all bullshit and I had to be destroyed," Jones said later.

"So he wanted to bump me off and that was scary." Atkins died in prison in 2009, while Manson and three others are still serving their life sentences.

As for Manson's own take on the celebrity death list, he told an interviewer in 1981, "If I wanted to harass them, I just wouldn't watch their TV show."



THOROUGHLY MODERN MANSON: You've got pen on you

Manson and five others were convicted of First Degree Murder and given death sentences, all of which were commuted to life imprisonment when California temporarily abolished the death penalty in 1972. Manson continues to languish in jail, telling a parole board in 1997 after hearing he had been turned down, "That's cool... I'm not saying I wasn't involved. I'm just saying that I did not break God's law..."

Atkins died in 2009, a long-time Born Again. Charles "Tex" Watson, widely considered to be Manson's right hand man, is still serving his sentence, as are Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten. All admit regret over their part in the Tate murder and they are among the longest-serving prisoners in the American penal system.

Manson is 76 now, having already outlived many of those on the death list, and hasn't uttered a word of remorse in his 40 years in jail. But if the word institutionalised means anything, it means Charles Manson. "He got away with everything," said Juan Flynn, a Spahn Movie Ranch worker who had become associated with Manson and the Family. "People will say, 'He's in jail.' But Charlie is exactly where he wants to be."



SOUL SURVIVOR: The last living target of the death list, Tom Jones is now made entirely from leather

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TOP FIVE

WEIRD THINGS REAL PEOPLE HAVE SHOUTED DURING SEX



1. "I LOVE SALAD!"

My mate's ex had kinaesthesia, where your senses are miswired, and thought orgasms tasted like lettuce.

2. "I SAID TO THE PRODUCER"

A very famous impressionist who is notorious for doing voices during sex. Fair enough, but Ronnie Corbett?

3. "YOUR MOTHER'S THIGHS!"

A lecturer at a south coast university yelled this at the student he was banging. The phrase has appeared in every final paper his students have submitted since.

4. "GOLDFISH!"

During rough sex, new girlfriend screams, "Goldfish!". Boyfriend ignores this. "Gooldfiishhhh!" she screams repeatedly, until they finish - him spent, her sobbing uncontrollably. Seems Goldfish was her 'quit word' with sadistic ex-boyfriend. She had neglected to tell the new fella this crucial fact.



5. "FIRST GEAR SECOND GEAR THIRD GEAR FOURTH FIFTH FIFTH FIFTH!"

Reverse please.