

# Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Sir: I write, as a former fan of the Beatles, with reference to John Lennon's statement, "We're more popular than Jesus now." Is he also aware that he can go straight to HELL? Print that. —Francesca Gulliano, Pittsburg, Calif.

Dear Francesca: There, I went and did it. But isn't that a possibility for all of us, evil-wishers and well-wishers alike?

Dear Mike: My sister-in-law likes Elvis Presley, so I want him to send something to her for her birthday. — Kathleen Clarke, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Kathleen: Elvis is shooting "Double Trouble" at M-G-M Studios, Culver City, Calif., right now, if you want to write him there.

Dear Mike: Is Leslie Ugams getting a divorce? — Edith House, Hayward, Calif.

Dear Edith: She says no, and I know of no better source, aside from her husband, who also says no.

Dear Mike: Is it true that Jack LaLanne, the guy who gives those exercises on TV every morning, is already in his 50s? Is he married? — Elliott Burnbaum, Houston, Texas.

Dear Elliott: He's sneaking up on 'em. His wife, Elaine, also exercises and has almost as many muscles as her mate so tell all your girl friends to knock off those mash notes to musclemann LaLanne.

Dear Mr. C.: Please give us some data on John Gary, whose TV show we enjoy so much. We hope Danny Kaye keeps him on the beam this fall. — E.M.L., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear E.: John's been such a smash as Danny's summer replacement, he may soon have a fulltime show of his own; at any rate, he'll do some guest shots on Danny's. He was born in 1933. His real name is John Gary Strader. His wife, wed Jan. 7, 1965, is the former Lois McDonnell.

Sir: I have a suggestion. Why not have Ed Sullivan, who did so much to popularize the Beatles, pay all the barbers that all the male Beatles didn't get while the Beatles were on top? — Thomas Jackson, Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Thomas: I have your motion, do I have a second?

Dear Mr. C.: Referring to an item in your column about the draft status of Dick Chamberlain — please don't rank Dick with George Hamilton and those others! He has already served his time in the Army, from 1956 to 1958. He was stationed in Korea for about 16 months and came out with the rank of sergeant. As of now, Dick is past the draft age. Don't you think it would be only fair to Dick to print this letter in your column? — Mrs. L. Thornley.

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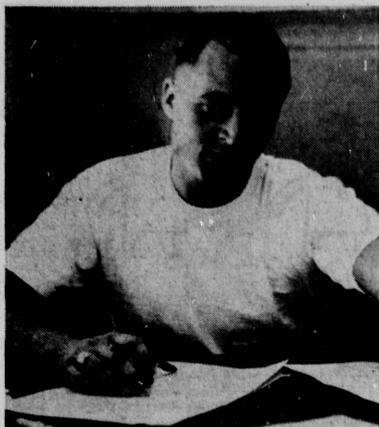
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Dear Mrs. Thornley: I do indeed, and here it is.

Dear Mike: Are actors Richard Cromwell and David Manners still alive? — An Early Talkies Fan, Bronxville, N.Y.

Dear Fan: Cromwell, whose name was Roy Radebaugh when he married Broadway's current biggest star, Angela Lansbury, in 1945 (the marriage lasted only eight months), died of cancer in 1960. Manners lives in Palm Springs, Calif.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail.)



**DESK JOCKEY . . .** PFC Ralph J. Rina of Marine Attack Squadron 241 works at his desk during two weeks of Marine Corps reserve training at the Yuma, Ariz., Marine Corps Air Station. Rina, a commercial pilot in civilian life, is an operations controller for Squadron 241. The Marine reservist, who lives at 16625 Crenshaw Blvd., is employed by Continental Air Lines. His unit has just completed its summer training camp.

## Road Work Scheduled

A 170-foot section of Avalon Boulevard south of 219th Street has been authorized for improvement, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

Work will consist of constructing asphaltic concrete pavement on aggregate base material to join the recent improvements constructed under County permit by owners of the adjacent properties. "The completed project will increase safety, reduce maintenance costs, improve area drainage and generally add to the operational efficiency of this section of county highway," Hahn said.

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