



SOUNDS OF MUSIC... These two put out all kinds of sounds of music with their guitar and accordion. They're The Romans who open next week at The Halfway House for an indeterminate booking. They are, left to right, Jim Diffie and Freddie Ghezzi.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Which Hollywood TV stars are bachelors? And why?"

Well, let's see... Michael Landon, Raymond Burr, Robert Vaughn, three of "The Monkees," Flipper, Gen. Custer (Wayne Maunder), Tarzan (Wayne Ely), David Haddison, The Virginian (James Drury), Christopher George of "Rat Patrol," and Ron Harper of "Garrison's Gorillas," are a few. Why bachelors? Just lucky, I guess!

"Does Howard Hughes own the Sahara?"

Which one — the Las Vegas hotel or the desert?

"What has become of Patrick McGeehan's TV series 'Secret Agent'?"

He has been filming a Hollywood movie titled "Ice Station Zebra." This week he is in England shooting his new TV series, "The Prisoner," which CBS plans to televise as a mid-season replacement for any one of its present shows which falters in the ratings. CBS is lucky to have him after its failure to properly publicize "Secret Agent" two seasons ago, but even without publicity it was a success and McGeehan is the brightest star on the CBS horizon.

"I have read where Judy Garland is having trouble with her voice and her appearances again. When will she learn to have more respect for her audience?"

Garland's personal problems and her unpredictable nature are part of her fascination. Her fans love it.

"Who is Elvis Presley's wife?"

Mrs. Presley. But prior to last May she was Priscilla Beaulieu, the daughter of a Memphis Army captain.

"Every time I think I have problems raising my children, I think how much worse it must be to train a child actor, like those little brats you see on TV. How can you possibly discipline a child who is making \$1,000 a week and gets a barrel of fan mail every day?"

The parents of Johnnie Whitaker, the youngest boy on "Family Affair," have what they call the Firm Love Plan. If he's disobedient he gets punished and they tell him: "If we didn't love you we wouldn't bother." The Whitaker motto: "You can give a child too many things but you can never tell him you love him too often." It seems to work.

"Will there be any more 'James Bond' movies?"

They'll keep grinding them out — like "Tarzan" — as long as there is an audience for them. The next one is titled "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" to be filmed next year without Sean Connery in the title role. No substitute has been announced. Connery's next movie is "Shalako" a western to be filmed in Mexico next spring.

"What has become of Jack Paar?"

WHO? Oh yes, now I remember! NBC's temperamental nocturnal attraction of a few years back retired to Poland Springs, Maine, to run a television and FM radio station which he recently sold pending government approval. When last heard from he was still the most famous person in Poland Springs.

"Are the television networks influenced by mail from viewers?"

Yes, — if it's favorable. This is called "an impressive response." If it's unfavorable it represents only a fraction of the total viewing audience. However, the networks seem satisfied with what is a pitifully small reaction considering the multi-million viewers. For example, ABC's biggest mail attraction this season was its monumental four hour report on Africa which drew 3,200 letters, mostly favorable — "an impressive response." Its last big mail puller was "The Kennedy Wit" on "ABC Stage '67" — "an impressive response" of 600 letters. But even if the nets seldom act on audience suggestions, you may be certain letters from viewers are read and tabulated.

"Has Pat Boone disappeared?"

No. Just the opposite. He is now starring in a five-week TV series titled "Pat Boone in Hollywood" which is being sold independently in most major cities. Good guys don't always finish last, after all.

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By Bill Whitman

Philharmonic Season Begins

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under the able direction of Zubin Mehta starts its 1967-68 season early next month at the Lakewood High School Auditorium for five evenings of great music.

Mr. Mehta conducts the first offering Saturday, Nov. 11, then Saturday, Dec. 2, guest conductor Vaclav Smetacek takes over the baton featuring violinist Itzhak Perlman.

Lawrence Foster guest-conducts for the Jan. 21 presentation and then it's back to Mr. Mehta for the February offering. The five nite presentations will close Saturday, March 9, with Mr. Mehta again conducting and featuring pianist Andre Watts.

The Long Beach Auxiliary of the Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association strongly urges you to get your season tickets in early.

Looks from here like a great season for the Philharmonic.

Incidentally, there's to be auditions during the month of November for fresh new tal-harmonic Orchestra. All applicant aspirants for the L.A. Philharmonic must be under 17 years of age when they sign the application.

Applicants must further be able to play two movements either from one concerto or different concerti, for either violin or cello.

Requests for applications must be received before Nov. 1 by the Orchestra Manager, Symphonies for Youth Auditions, Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association, 135 North Grand Ave. L.A., 90012.

First program for Symphonies for Youth season will be Nov. 18 at San Fernando High School with Lawrence Foster conducting the Philharmonic.

Sam Falla's got a new group whaling away at the San Francisco Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge.

They're The Ray Lowdon Trio and a swingin' little outfit called The Tea House. They opened here like last nite, Tuesday the 17 and will be on hand every Tuesday thru Sunday for your dancing and listening pleasure. They'll play anything the crowd demands, be it rock, schmalz, slow, sweet... or yes, even sour if that's your bag.

And don't forget the excellent food put out at the San Francisco by that Chef de Cuisine, "Mighty Frank," otherwise known in the better circles as "Lucky." He puts out a prime rib you wouldn't believe — a top sirloin steak and at a buck ninety-five per each.

There's a different soup de jour there at 2520 Sepulveda, too. Frank makes 'em all from scratch and that Friday clam chowder is the greatest. New England, style, y'know... not Manhattan!

Get acquainted at the San Francisco if you haven't already done so.

Now around the corner and



CHARLIE AND "THE THING"... It's Charlie Grace and his "side man" playing nately at the Jet Room on La Cienega for the sing-a-longs and swing-a-longs.

down the street—you'll find something fine in rare good eating Cantonese style when you visit The Tea House. Rose and Louis Song take great pride in their chef's culinary ability when it comes to the Oriental and south seas dishes. And ample portions, too, as well as ample parking at The Tea House.

Entertainment is furnished at the huge piano bar nately, Tuesday thru Saturday by the Manila Bombshell, Gale Stoddard. Then the entertainment slot is taken over Monday nites by The Havaikis featuring Paul Makaena and Harry Baty.

Featured at the main bar nately it's such stalwarts as Chico, Ralph, Junior, Tosh and Ronnie, a swingin' quintet!

Get that Tea House fever one of these nites soon. The room really moves.

Planning a trip to Vegas in the near future? Well we've got a little scam here for you on a couple of the spots up there... and a couple of the best in town from this desk!

Like for example, at The Riviera on the Strip it's still "Hello Dolly" starring Ginger Rogers and Dorothy Lamour.

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PRETTY IS AS PRETTY DOES... And is not this lovely young lady in the center a pretty thing? She's Evelyn Kay, flanked on her right by Pete Bell, proxy of the Trade Credit Club, and on her left by CTC director William Krieger, shown recently at a dinner meeting at The Marquis Restaurant on the Sunset Strip. Traders Fair is to be held this Sunday from 8 a.m. 'til 10 p.m. at the Continental Towne Club in Fullerton, at Chapman and Acacia Avenues. It's open to the public.

Just got a call from Cal Chun at his Pacific Lounge on Rodeo Road at La Cienega and would you believe the wrong phone number's been running? PLUS, the wrong entertainment if you please! Are we on the ball? We'll get you straightened out, Cal, never fear!

But now lookit... beginnin' tonite (that's Wednesday) there's some brand new entertainment coming into the Pacific Lounge and it's the Richard Kauihi Trio, a swingin' group.

They play all types of modern music plus all types of Hawaiian (how many types of Hawaiian music are there?) music, Rich taking the piano and vocals.

Then Clayton Goya comes on with a wild mass of drums plus he, too, does some vocals, while the bass man is Ted Hammond, who, according to Cal, "just stands around and cools his fingers"... and the way he works that bass, he's GOT to cool his fingers!

So just remember, when you visit the Pacific Lounge, and you'd like to check it out first as to just where it is... call 296-0826... and either Cal or Terry (his lovely can forget all that jazz about "Dolly" 'cause by this time "it ain't them anymore." Well, that's what happens when you try to write ahead! But you've got some wild stuff there currently, anyway. And Sheky Greene'll be back strong doing business at the same old stand beginning December sixth! So there!

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So what was the main entree that owner-host Bill Fremont offered this intrepid group? Nothing less than baby goat roasted Spanish style with special wines flown over from Spain. That's the kind of a host you run into when you visit The Matador in West Los Angeles.

The group later on enjoyed some highly talented entertainment in the Flamenco Room of The Matador, and authentic it was.

Heading the Spanish revue are Flamenco dancers Doria Valera and partner, dashing Rafael Ruiz and guitarists Mari Del Rey and Dave London

as well as pianist Prof Manuel Matos.

You're always assured of a good time, both food-wise as well as entertainment-wise when you visit The Matador.

Ever visit The Marquis on the Sunset Strip? Well you're in for a treat! Almost everybody finds his way there eventually and recently it was the scope of the Trade Credit Club gathering (or a part, thereof) to enjoy some of the excellent cuisine and tropical cocktails.

CTC director, William Grieg along with president Pete Bell partook of some of the quality Marquis "chow" last week while discussing the upcoming gala Traders Fair to be held Sunday from eight a.m. 'til 10 p.m. at Continental Towne Club in Fullerton. It's open to the public.

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