

# The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"If 'The Hollywood Palace' goes off the air my wife will kill herself."

Sorry to disappoint you but the "Hollywood Palace" has been renewed for another year.

"Does Robert Vaughn ever laugh—either on The Man from U.N.C.L.E. or elsewhere?"

Not to my knowledge. Of course there isn't any need to laugh in Hollywood these days. Laughter is provided by a machine. I know Vaughn has teeth so THAT'S not his problem. He showed them once when he was discussing politics. (Vaughn is one of film-land's most active off-stage Democrats. He hasn't laughed since the election.)

"Did James Dean ever do a dramatic show on television?"

A few months before his death he starred in the Schlitz Playhouse on CBS May 6, 1955 in "The Unlighted Road" opposite Pat Hardy. It was hardly worthy of the talents of the actor who did "East of Eden" and stalked the dreams of millions of teenagers. It was a grim and unlikely tale of a young GI who returns to civilian life and becomes the unwitting victim a hijacking ring. It was his only starring TV role.

"What terrible thing did Joe Friday do? Toward the end of the original 'Dragnet' series they made quite a noise about his sidekick being promoted to Sergeant and

Friday becoming a lieutenant. In fact the re-runs made him Lieut. Friday. Now, 10 years later he's back to Sergeant! What happened? The story of his demotion might make a better episode than some of the ones so far!"

According to Jack Webb, who created Friday, if he were a real policeman, the rank of Lieutenant would keep him at the administrative level and eliminate the possibility of personal contact with little people and their troubles. After all, that's what "Dragnet" is all about. So Webb demoted him off stage. No mention was made on the show. Ben Alexander, who played Sgt. Frank Smith, kept his sergeant's stripes and is still working for the L.A. Police every Monday night on "Felony Squad."

"I'm puzzled about these family style television game shows where people are mated (The Dating Game) and the one where newly married couples exchange insults (The Newlywed Game). On a recent show I heard a husband say to his wife 'You don't shave your legs' and 'You don't brush your teeth!' What could possibly follow 'Dating Game' and 'Newlywed Game'?"

How about "Combat" and "Divorce Court"?"

"Which one of the Bennett girls died recently—Joan or Constance? The world is moving so fast these days that if you miss one day's newspaper, you could also lose an old movie idol and never even know it."

Constance Bennett died in 1965 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. (Her surviving husband is General John T. Coulter.) Joan is still alive and buried in the starring role of a Gothic soap opera on ABC titled "Dark Shadows."

"Who was the actress who looks like Helen Hayes and was nominated for an Oscar as best supporting actress in 'Sound of Music' and why does she seem so familiar?"

That's Peggy Wood, a veteran stage actress and a thorough professional who is best known, perhaps, for her long running television show "I Remember Mama." That was back in the days when gentleness was still fashionable in domestic comedies—before sentiment was replaced by oomph, and love was replaced by sex. It was only 10 years ago. It seems like a century.

## Attack on Narcotics Urged by Supervisor

A coordinated attack on narcotics from the federal to the municipal level was urged this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who pointed out that Los Angeles County could take the lead in such a program. The supervisor noted that the Los Angeles County Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission, now beginning its fourth year, has provided great leadership in controlling the use of dangerous drugs in Southern California. "This commission has been fortunate to have two dedicated chairmen, George A. Rabinoff and William J. Hunt, and outstanding representatives from throughout the County of Los Angeles," he said.

Hahn directed a letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson urging that a White House Conference on Narcotics be convened as quickly as possible to map an all-out cooperative program by city, county, state, and federal officials. "An all-out war against narcotics should have the same fervor as any other war, and should not stop short of total victory over narcotics," Hahn stressed. The supervisor pointed out that President Johnson said in his State of the Union Message of Jan. 10: "We will seek new partnerships with states and cities to deal with the narcotics problem." In his letter to the President, Supervisor Hahn asked that Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare John Gardner send representatives to Los Angeles and confer with the Los Angeles County Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission. The accomplishments of the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Commission include proposing and supporting state legislation for the control of percodan, glue sniffing, LSD, and the establishment of modern civil commitment procedure for narcotics addicts. In addition, the commission prepared and distributed the booklet "Darkness on Your Doorstep."

## Letters From Famous Americans

Col. David (Davy) Crockett, frontiersman, congressman and author, wrote this letter to publishers Carey and Hart in December of 1894, 15 months before he was killed at the historic battle of the Alamo on March 6, 1836. Crockett refers to his book, "An Account of Colonel Crockett's Tour to the North and Down East," written in its published form, as the letter indicates, by William Clark, a congressman from Pennsylvania. Born Aug. 17, 1780, Crockett fought with Andrew Jackson in the Creek Indian War, was a member of the Tennessee legislature 1821-23, and was a Tennessee representative in the U. S. Congress, 1827-31 and 1833-36.

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## Triples To Visit On Show

It will be "triple exposure" for a Harbor City family next month when television viewers will see the triplet sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson in a program produced by the Los Angeles County Heart Association. The triplets with their mother, all living at 1624 Anaheim St., will appear in one of the series of programs entitled "Twentieth Century Heartlines." The program will be broadcast on three television channels. The family, closely intimate with the problems of congenital heart problems, will be interviewed by Allan Moll, host for the program called "Mending the Heart of a Child."

Taking a special bow will be David, one of the triplets, who was born with a heart defect. Today, David is as lively and active as his brothers, Daniel and Dewayne, because open heart surgery transformed his crippled heart into a healthy one.

The Watson triplets will appear on KTLA (Channel 5) Sunday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 p.m.; KGO (Channel 13) Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 p.m., and KTTV (Channel 11) Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 a.m.

## Obedience Club Donates Funds

A \$250 cash donation from the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance, Inc., has been received by the Torrance Recreation Department, according to Lee Tussing, recreation supervisor. A similar donation last year was used to purchase a traveling nature museum, Tussing said.

## New Math Class Set At College

A new course in linear algebra will be offered at El Camino College during the spring semester, Henry Mansfield, dean of the Division of Mathematics and Engineering, has announced.

The course, Math 8, is designed for engineers, mathematicians, and technicians. J. Eugene Brady will teach the class, which will meet on Monday and Wednesday from 8 until 9:30 p.m. Registration for part-time students will begin tomorrow and end Friday. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 6.

## Lenten Fare Feature of Free Class

A free demonstration on "Lenten Fare" will be offered by the home economists of Southern California Edison Co. Thursday, Feb. 16. The demonstration will be conducted at the Electric Living Center, 125 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, at 10 a.m.

Meatless recipes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be featured.

## Hold Classes In Arranging

Classes in flower arranging are being held monthly at the South Coast Botanic Gardens under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Bay Harbor District of California Garden Clubs.

Instruction by Mrs. Roderick Black is offered at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. A small fee is charged for the class. The next session will be Feb. 7.

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## Bridge Lessons Slated

Basic bridge lessons will be offered by the Lomita Recreation and Parks Department beginning in February. The course, which meets for the first time Wednesday, Feb. 8, will meet in the Community Building at 24428 Eshelman Ave. Classes are scheduled from 1 until 3 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays.

Michael Harrison will teach the course, which will emphasize bridge techniques for both beginning and advanced students. A registration fee of \$6 per person will be charged. Registration may be completed during the first session.

## Medical Classes Slated

New classes in medical terminology and medical office procedures, sponsored by the Harbor Medical Association, will be offered during the spring term by the Gardens Adult School.

The medical terminology class will meet each Monday from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Paul Bosnian will teach the class.

Mrs. Jean Davis will be instructor for the medical office procedures course, which will meet each Tuesday from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Gardens Adult School is located at Normandie Avenue and 182nd Street. Information may be obtained by calling the school any day between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

## New Rates Authorized For Phones

Changes in some intrastate toll and multi-message unit rates by the General Telephone Co. of California have been approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

The new rates, which become effective next Monday, are expected to result in an overall savings to customers of nearly \$1 million annually, a company spokesman said.

Most of the changes have to do with a complex formula for measuring the distance between the point of origin and the destination. Other changes include the addition of Washington's Birthday, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day to the holiday rate schedule.

Evening rates, applicable between 6 and 8 p.m. within the state, have been abolished. Instead, the firm's night rate will be applicable between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

## Marineland Grotto Has Big Lobster

The largest lobster ever displayed at Marineland of the Pacific is now on display in the third-level, cold-water grotto at the oceanarium.

The 31-pound lobster has pinners up to 18 inches in length. The cold-water grotto displays colorful and rare fishes taken from depths of 10 to 100 feet.

Marineland is open daily from 10 a.m. until sunset. The first series of whale, dolphin, and sea lion shows begins at 11 a.m. each day.

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