

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Who has silenced Andy Williams? Will he be back on the air? He's so gentlemanly, I'm afraid NBC may have taken advantage of him."

He may appear vulnerable on camera but underneath the velvet voice and the cashmere sweater is a cast-iron businessman. I doubt if anyone ever took advantage of Williams. I'm worried more about NBC. His annual Christmas family show will be on the air Dec. 19 and next season he will have a weekly series.

inches shorter, your worries are over.

"Is there really an organization which protests whenever TV depicts Italian-Americans as associated with the mafia?"

Yes. Several years ago the American-Italian Anti-Defamation League was instrumental in forcing the producer of "The Untouchables" to sponge the Italian names of gangland characters. But since its president, Frank Sinatra, was tossed out of Nevada by the states' gambling commission because of his gangland connections, no one takes the League's complaints too seriously.

"They all said Barbra Streisand couldn't make it in Hollywood, right? But, baby, look at her now — 'Funny Girl,' 'Dolly' and 'On a Clear Day You Can See Forever.' Her problem is where can she go from here?"

She decided last week. She'll play a folk-singer who is a part-time hooker in "The Owl and the Pussycat." The producer describes the role as a "Folk-Hooker." On a clear day in Hollywood you can see almost anything.

"When 'Peyton Place' is cancelled next year what will happen to all those nice actors who have lived there so long?"

One of them is going into politics; the rest will go back to work. The budding politician is Ed Nelson who plays Dr. Michael Rossi. He's a Rockefeller Republican.

Collision Jails Youth

"How can a dirty show like Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In be the American favorite week after week?"

It can't. In the most recent audience count those two dirty — but popular — old men were neatly pushed out of top spot by a 10-year-old girl in pig-tails named "Heidi."

An 18-year-old Torrance youth, described by police as "extremely intoxicated," was jailed Saturday morning after his car slammed into a parked camper truck and then careened into a schoolyard fence a few blocks away.

"Will the new UHF stations springing up all over the country give us some relief from the present mediocre TV programs?"

No, but you'll have a lot more mediocrity to choose from.

George Patton Griffin of 17004 S. Crenshaw Blvd. was booked at Torrance Police Station for driving under the influence of a narcotic (felony), hit-and-run driving (misdemeanor), and assault with a deadly weapon (felony).

"When is Dustin Hoffman going to be in another movie? It has been almost a year since 'The Graduate.' I'm almost six feet tall but I think he's the man for me."

He purposely waited seven months for a serious role to avoid being stereotyped as the happily dazed young man you admired in "The Graduate." In his next film, "Midnight Cowboy," he plays an aging Times Square creep named Ratsko Rizzo. If love can triumph over this as well as the fact that he's six

The latter charge was incurred when Griffin allegedly started swinging a car lug wrench at off-duty sheriff Kenneth Pollock, and Larry Roseberry, 2405 182nd St., Apt. 3, following the final collision. Pollock had the suspect handcuffed when Torrance police arrived.

Police said Griffin's car inflicted major damage to a camper belonging to Harvey Cunningham, 18205 Purche Ave., before continuing on to ram a chain-link fence at Hamilton Elementary School.

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