

The Mail Ego

By Terrance O'Flaherty

"On all the TV Westerns 20-20 vision seems to prevail. For years I have been searching the lynching mobs and frontier bars for just one person wearing glasses and I haven't found him yet. If more sheriffs and cowboys wore specs don't you think there'd be less fighting and shooting?"

Yes. But I can see it now: the sheriff and the cattle rustler outstaring each other on the streets of Laramie, through their harlequin rims.

"Does the FBI have any control over the scripts on the Sunday night television series of the same name?"

Not only are the scripts approved by J. Edgar Hoover or one of his most reliable aides, but security checks were made on all the regular actors in the series before they were signed for the roles.

Do you realize that it has been six years since Jack Paar was on the "Tonight" show? What has become of that dear little man?

Actually Paar is neither dear nor little. He's the world's tallest elf and he's been in Africa with his wife Miriam and daughter Randy filming a show which NBC will televise at 10 p.m. on May Day.

"If television goes so far as to label some of the medical commercials 'reenactments' why don't they go one step further on the road to TRUTH and announce when a show is a repeat?"

Truth is desirable — as long as it doesn't get in the way of a sale. All sponsors like to make viewers they're giving them something absolutely new — even if it isn't. That's one reason why they change the titles on re-runs.

"It was good to see Louis Jordan again on NBC the other evening. It has been a long while since he was in "Gigi." How old is he?"

The Frenchman is 50. He made "Gigi" in 1958 when he was 39.

"One of the maddening things about TV is the custom of having several commercials followed by an announcer who says 'And now back to Wednesday Night at The Movies — after station identification.' But what follows are three more commercials! Is the announcer aware that someone is making a liar of him?"

It doesn't take much to make

Burglary Suspect Arrested

A quick-thinking neighbor foiled a would-be burglar Friday night.

Richard Strickland, 21109 Reynolds Drive, told police he heard a loud noise from the next apartment about 11:15 p.m. and went outside to investigate. He found two louvers broken and a window screen pushed in.

Entering the apartment, Strickland told police he confronted the suspect and wrestled him to the floor.

Police arriving on the scene arrested Edward J. Mata, 23, of 2471 W. 255th St., Lomita, on burglary charges. Officers said they found a pillow case lying nearby filled with auto stereo tapes.

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West High Will Host Area Bands

West High School will host a music festival featuring students from eight neighborhood elementary schools tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Performers will represent Flavian, Towers, Steele, Jefferson, Sepulveda, Wright, Victor, and Anza Elementary Schools and the West High School band.

Chairman for the event will be Michael Stafford. Other directors include: James Davidson, David Sherman, Alden Taylor, Frank Snyder, and Ronald Large.

The concert will be the second in a series of four spring concerts to be presented by music students this month. Last week students in the South High attendance area performed.

Next week students from Torrance High School and its surrounding elementary schools will appear at West High Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. Final concert in the series will take place at North High School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27.

LOANS PAID
 At the end of 1968, 3½ million GI home loans with a face value of \$26 billion had been paid in full.

Hahn Report

Supervisor Offers Plan To Reduce Local Taxes

By KENNETH HAHN
 County Supervisor

A major problem facing local governments was re-emphasized when Lawndale teachers went on strike in protest of the school over-ride tax defeat there.

Local governments, especially school districts, need help.

I have proposed and am continuously urging Congress to return 10 per cent of the federal income tax to states, cities, and counties.

This would help solve the major problems of the cities, counties and school districts throughout the United States and would strengthen home rule.

WHEN the federal government takes money out of the community with income tax, local governments have to rely on property and sales taxes to serve local needs.

FIRST PATENT

Seventy-five years ago in March, the first Bell patent expired, making it possible for anyone who so desired to make telephone equipment and sell telephone service.

If 10 per cent of the income tax were returned, many critical problems could be solved by local home rule.

Local government does not need Congress to allocate funds with federal control if it had a source of revenue to carry out its own responsibilities.

MANY areas of government, particularly small school districts, are treated unfairly by the present property tax system. Residential areas have lower assessed valuation than industrial and commercial areas, resulting in a lower tax base and usually a higher tax rate.

Furthermore, home owners are reaching the limit of what they can afford to pay in property taxes. For example, the owner of a \$20,000 home, assessed at \$5,000, in the city of Los Angeles pays \$510 per year in taxes to the city, county, school districts, and flood control district.

In addition, the homeowner has to pay taxes for any special districts, such as lighting and sanitation.

THE \$70 refund from the

Counterfeit Bill Passed

A counterfeit \$20 bill was passed Friday at Lan's Liquor Store, 23421 Western Ave. Store cashier told police a dark-complected man in his 30s used the bill to purchase an item for 45 cents. A short time later, the clerk said he noticed the bill looked different from the others.

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