

The Mail Ego

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"Will the TV series 'Peyton Place' simply fade away?"

Nothing on TV ever fades away. It goes into reruns. The entire 514 episodes of "Peyton Place" will be rerun on a daily basis starting this fall on some of the stations which carried it originally and a whole lot of new ones as well.

"Where is Barbra Streisand these days?"

She's been sitting around while her producer locates a college campus to film final

scenes for the movie "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever." He can't find one that's non-violent.

"Are my parents the only ones in the United States who don't have a color TV set by now?"

Not quite. Sixty-five per cent of the nation is still watching color shows in gorgeous black-and-white. Color TV homes are numbered at 20 million and increasing.

"How much does the Ed Sullivan Show cost?"

Each installment is \$195,000 for production plus \$245,000 for telephone line charges. That means every time Sullivan muffs up an introduction it costs the sponsor \$7,273.12.

"When we saw Dinah Shore in her recent TV special we hardly recognized her."

You weren't the only ones. When Miss Shore drove up to the gates of NBC for the first rehearsals, the guard said "Name, please?" She looked him right in the eye and said "Leslie Uggams," to which he replied "Yes, Miss Uggams, go right in."

"Will television ever get to the point of having an all-black situation comedy instead of the 99 per cent white 'Julia'?"

Paramount studios is now preparing an all-Negro situation comedy for CBS-TV titled "Mom's House" — the first such series since "Amos 'n' Andy." Meanwhile four new fall shows will be cafe-au-lait, at least: the Bill Crosby Show, and "The Bold Ones" on NBC; Leslie Uggams on CBS; and "Room 222," a comedy drama about an integrated school, on ABC.

"Who will take Merv Griffin's place when he goes off the air? And what will become of Merv?"

Griffin moves to CBS in late summer. His desk on the Group W network will be occupied by David Frost the last week in June. Frost is a Londoner who was first seen by U.S. viewers a few seasons ago as the host on "That Was The Week That Was," a forerunner of the topical humor shows now commonplace on TV.

"Do you think that the Smothers Brothers will be back on the air soon?"

Yes — as guests. Since their controversy with CBS the other networks seem lukewarm about inviting them in. A recent Harris Poll didn't help them any. Forty-seven per cent of the people questioned said they sympathized with CBS; 19 per cent sympathized with the Smothers; 7 per cent sympathized with neither; 2 per cent sympathized with both; and a whopping 25 per cent weren't sure what they thought.

"We have a show called 'Romper Room' in our city with a hostess named Miss Nancy. The other day I visited my daughter out west and she has a 'Romper Room' show too, but with a different hostess. Will the real Romper Room please stand up!"

The format for "Romper Room" is distributed from a production office in Baltimore to many stations across the country each of which has a "Miss Someone" of its own.

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Getting Form Doesn't Mean You Own Payment

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers. I didn't have to file an estimated return in April but you mailed me a reminder notice about the June installment. Do I have to pay anything?

If you do not meet the requirements for filing an estimated tax declaration please ignore the notice. Reminder notices for the June 6 installment were sent to all those who were mailed the new estimated tax packages in February based on possible liability for payment.

Briefly, an estimated tax declaration may have to be filed and installment payments made if you expect to have a balance due of \$40 or more when you file your 1968 Federal income tax return. You can obtain details on filing requirements by sending a post card to your local district office. Ask for a copy of Publication 505, Tax withholding and Declaration of Estimated Tax.

I've moved since I mailed my tax return. Will my refund check be sent to my new address?

Your refund check will be forwarded if you have left a change of address with the post office at your old address. If you did not, you should notify your IRS Service Center, and give your name, Social Security Number and new address.

Each year, IRS has thousands of refunds it is unable to deliver to taxpayers because they have moved without leaving a forwarding address. In these cases, the refund is credited to the taxpayer's account and reissued as soon as IRS obtains an up-to-date address.

I've heard all your taxes have to be paid before IRS will let you leave the country. Is that right?

U.S. citizens are not required to obtain tax clearance when going abroad. However, many aliens are required to obtain a tax clearance before their departure from the U.S.

parture from the U.S. IRS Publication 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, explains this. Send a postcard to your district office to obtain a free copy.

I teach and plan to go to summer school. Can I deduct the cost of my courses?

Generally, educational expenses are deductible if they are expressly required by your employer or if they are necessary to maintain or improve your skills in your present position. No deduction can be taken for courses needed to meet the minimum standards of employment or to obtain a new job.

For additional details send a post card to your district director requesting a free copy of Publication 508, Tax Information on Educational Expenses.

I bought some stock five years ago that has tripled in value. Is it true that if I give the stock to my son I won't have to pay income tax on my profit?

Yes, tax law permits you to make a gift of this sort. Note that if the fair market value of the stock plus any other gifts to your son is over \$3,000 in any one year you will have to file a federal gift tax return.

Your son will have to report as income, dividends received on the stock during the time he owns it. Also, if your son sells the stock, his cost basis will be your cost basis plus any gift taxes paid.

We are expecting our first child next month. When can we start taking a withholding exemption for the baby?

You can make a change in your withholding anytime after the child is born by filing a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate.

Keep good records of your medical expenses this year as well as any reimbursements you receive from insurance. They will be helpful if you decide to itemize deductions on your 1968 return.

What records do I need for tax purposes on gifts to charity?

To substantiate a charitable contribution deduction, you will have to show the amount of the gift, the date and the name of the organization. If you make a gift of property, keep a record of its description and how you figured the value.

Cancelled checks, receipts and other records will be needed for this substantiation. When you make a cash contribution to charity ask for a receipt, so you will have a record of the gift.

For additional details send a post card to your district director requesting a free copy of Publication 526, Income Tax Deductions for Contributions.

Contract Awarded For Wells

The Teredon Co. of Santa Fe Springs has been awarded a \$203,567 contract for construction of another unit of the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project in Wilmington, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced.

The firm submitted a low bid for the work to the County Flood Control District May 16. The bid ran \$38,369 less than the engineer's estimate.

The contractor will start work within 30 days and completion is set some seven months later, Chace said.

Work will include drilling 17 recharge wells in an area bounded generally by the Harbor Freeway, Anaheim Street, Alameda Street, and E Street. Depth of the wells will vary between 180 and 255 feet.

Funding will come from the current fiscal year budget of the Flood Control District, Chace added.

Youth Day Concert Planned

Los Caballeros Youth Band of Carson won a first-place trophy at the annual Elks Parade and Rodeo at Santa Maria last Saturday.

The Cabbies will march and play a concert at Carson High School for the Youth Day Festival Saturday, Sunday, June 29, the band will play a concert at Carson Park, beginning at 2 p.m.

Many out-of-town events are scheduled for the band during the months of June and July including trips to Port Hueneme, San Clemente, Hawthorne, Big Bear, and Coronado on the fourth of July.

Upon returning from the Coronado Parade July 4, Los Caballeros will participate at the gigantic fireworks show in Carson.

The band is preparing a printed program for this event with space allocated for advertising. Proceeds from ads placed by local businessmen and contributors will go into the fund for financing the fireworks show and for operating expenses.

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Executive Officer Selected

Carson Estate Co. has named Mitchell R. Toland manager of real estate for its properties in the Torrance area, President Thomas Caldwell Cooper has announced.

Cooper said Toland will be in charge of the firm's \$5 million apartment developments in Torrance as well as its industrial and commercial operations, including the Dominguez Hills and North Torrance shopping centers.

Toland most recently was with Forbes, Stevenson & Co., Los Angeles economics research firm. Previously he was a vice president of Wallace Molar Co., Beverly Hills.

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Area Choir To Present 'Requiem'

The Festival Choir of Rolling Hills United Methodist Church and The Pacific Symphonette, Thomas Wilson conductor, will present the "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure' on Sunday, June 15, in the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. The ministers of the Church, The Rev. James Dallas and The Rev. Harvey Kemp, will conduct the services.

Soloists for the presentation are Sandra Frances, soprano of Palos Verdes Peninsula; and Wardell Howard, baritone of Inglewood.

The organist is Mrs. Patricia Byers; pianist, Mrs. Mary Tucker; concert master, Miss

Barbra Porter; and harpist, Mrs. Sue Brieholz. The president of the choir is John Nicks. The church is located at Crenshaw Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive North in Rolling Hills Estates.

Programs Planned

A tiny tot class is forming with registration presently under way for children 3 to 5 at the Normandale Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave.

Proof of the child's age will be required and a fee of \$2 will be charged. Parents can sign their children up for the class at the center Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. The eight-week class session will start Monday, June 16.

Three class sessions are scheduled with the 3-year-olds meeting on Monday, the 4-year-olds on Wednesday, and the 5-year olds on Friday. All classes will meet from 10 a.m. to noon, said Mrs. Kathy Tatley, recreation director.

During the session the children will work on hand crafts and art. They will participate in games, stories, share and tell, songs, rhythm, and music.

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