The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"I saw the movie 'Harlow' on television recently and I'm very confused. It was supposed to be a true story of Jean Harlow but it showed her as having only one husband and dying of pneumonia. I insist she had two husbands and died of sun poisoning. Which is right?"

You're both wrong. The real Jean Harlow died of uremic poisoning and had three and a half husbands: Charles McGrew who was described as "a wealthy playboy"; Paul Bern, whose suicide provided the drama in the movie you saw; Hal Rosson, a cameraman; and, at the time of her death in 1937 she was rumored to be engaged to marry William Powell, one of the most popular actors of the Thirties. The movie "Harlow" played by Carroll Baker was a vicious misrepresentation of fact about one of the most beloved stars on the MGM lot. The real Harlow was not a great actress by any means but she never — ever — turned in as bad a performance as Miss Baker's.

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"Is Kaye Ballard, the Italian mother in 'The Mothers-in-Law' really Italian? If not, she must know an Italian mother very well because her characterization is perfect."

Kaye Ballard's parents, Vincent and Lena Balotta of Cleveland, Ohio, were born in Italy and she is a first generation Italian-American — which is about as Italian as you can get and still live in America. Besides that she loves spaghetti. She bases her TV characterization on her mother who is very emotional. She usually wins all arguments but if she thinks she's going to lose, she faints," said Miss Ballard.

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"Now that Lynda Bird has flown the coop what will ever become of George Hamilton?"

I guess he'll just continue to struggle along, making movies and supporting his mother. One thing he won't do is join the Marine Corps.

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"WHO was the handsome actor who played the doctor opposite Mia Farrow on 'Johnny Belinda'? . . . The names of the cast fly by so fast I never seem to be able to read them."

The role of the young doctor who taught Belinda sign language was played by Ian Bannen, a Scottish-born actor who is Dublin-trained with the Abbey Players. His first film was made in England in 1965. Later he co-starred with Carroll Baker in "Station Six-Sahara," a North African sand-and-soap opera. Bannen had an Oscar nomination for his 1965 performance in "Flight of the Phoenix." He deserves to be seen more often and probably will because Miss Farrow's TV appearance in "Johnny Belinda" probably attracted every producer in Hollywood.

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"Is Julie Andrews married? I saw magazine pictures of her with her daughter when she was making the movie "Hawaii" but there was no mention of her husband."

Miss Andrews is amicably separated from her first husband, Tony Walton, the English art director on such films as "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and the latest Julie Christie movie, "Petulia." They were engaged and married during Miss Andrews' early stage successes in New York, "The Boy Friend" and "My Fair Lady."

Enrollment Opens for Workshop

The 12th annual Christmas workshop for adults and children, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department and the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 4, through Thursday, Dec. 7.

Registration opens today at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This program will feature samples and demonstrations in the newest ideas in holiday decorations.

The classes will be held at the Joslyn Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; El Retiro Park, 1 to 3 p.m.; and McMaster Park, 1 to 3 p.m.

The fee for the workshop is 75 cents.

Gem Lecture Set Monday

The South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society will hold its next regular meeting at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, Monday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The relationship of gemstones and minerals will be the topic of author-lecturer John Sinkankas. Among Capt. Sinkankas' books are "Gemstones and Minerals," "Gemstones of North America," "Gem Cutting," and "Mineralogy For Amateurs."

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CTA Survey Shows Most Teachers Oppose Strikes

Capitol News Service

SACRAMENTO—The California Teachers Association (CTA) reported a survey of its members and the members of the National Education Association (NEA) showed 58 per cent were opposed to teacher strikes.

The CTA said the survey showed that only 3 per cent of those questioned would look upon teacher strikes the same as for any other vocation. A total of 37 per cent would permit the strike as a last resort under extreme conditions.

In contrast, the CTA said, only 7 per cent of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) ruled out the strike completely. The returns showed 9 per cent of the AFT members would use a strike as any other vocation and 79 per cent would hold it for crisis conditions.

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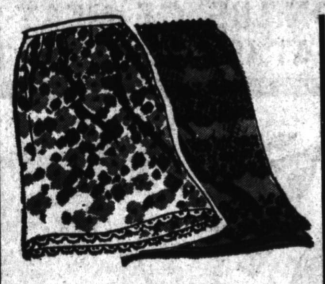

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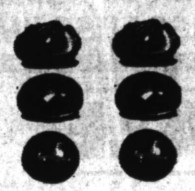

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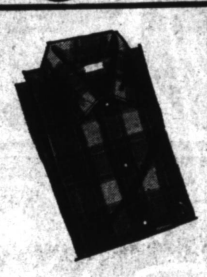

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