

# The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Every time the Jerry Lewis Show begins, my poodle gets under the TV set and howls until it's over. Is he trying to tell me something?"

I've never found an animal yet that has anything good to say about competitor.

"I have just finished reading the novel 'Moss Preenkridge.' Who will they ever get to play the dual role of handsome Myron and beautiful Myra? What big actor would think of playing such a person?"

Elizabeth Taylor has the inside track for the next Twentieth Century-Fox decided it was safer to get a pretty girl to play a handsome man instead of vice versa. One million dollars plus a percentage of the profits helped to comfort any fears Miss Taylor may have had in undertaking the touchy role of the man who becomes a movie actress.

"Why was a line of the Smothers Brothers Show obviously censored two Sundays ago?"

The network considered it to be in poor taste. It was the pay-off line of a monolog about the reaction of Moses as he blistered his feet on the ground near the Burning Bush: "Many Old Testament scholars believe to this day that this was the first mention of Christ in the Bible." (The Smothers Brothers considered CBS' explanation for the deletion was more irreverent: "God doesn't have to answer our mail.")

"Each of the three networks has 30 or 40 vice presidents. I am told. What does a broadcasting vice president do?"

Fred Allen's definition has never been improved upon: "He's a man who doesn't know what he's supposed to be doing there—and by the time he finds out, he's not there any more."

"Will we be told how many votes are written-in for Pat Paulsen as President?"

No. In years past Mickey Mouse has always had hundreds of write-in votes

which were tallied as an indication of the state of public discontent. But this year in California as well as some other states there is a new law against tallying votes for candidates who have not officially filed for the race.

"Did the television coverage of the Olympic Games attract a large audience?"

Not compared to athletes like Red Skelton or Bob Hope. According to the first comprehensive ratings, they averaged 22 per cent of all sets in use at the times of the show compared to Hope's 44 and Skelton's 37 per cent.

"Is the government going to do anything about curbing the excessive violence on today's TV?"

It is doubtful; however, hearings on the effects of mass media violence will be conducted in December by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence. Presidents of the three major networks as well as Hollywood filmmakers will be asked to testify and a special analysis of TV programming content is being conducted for the hearings by pollster Lou Harris. Heretofore the government has traditionally stayed away from any control of program content.

"How old is Robert Goulet?"

His official biography says 35, but such records always tend to underestimate, but he's probably not over 37—and obviously in good condition.

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**COMPLETE PROJECT . . .** A new concession stand, constructed by the Riviera Sportsmen's Club, has been completed at the South High football stadium. Shown ready to place a plaque dedicating the new Club; Mrs. Fred Field, PTA ways and means chairperson; Dr. John A. Lucas, principal; and Al Geiser, also of the Sportsmen's Club.

## Attending Marymount

Six area students have enrolled at Marymount College, Los Angeles, as the school begins its 1968 fall term.

They include Susan Kay Reeker, 1222 Beach Ave., Herlinda Diaz, 1560 W. 226th St.; Jacinta McGinty, 1846 Middlebrook Road; and Linda Steele, 1808 Playa Del Amo, all of Torrance.

Also enrolled are Linda Martin, 860 Realty St., Carson, and Jennifer Greene, 429 Avenue F, Redondo Beach.

## City Has Openings For Three

Job openings for a bus operator, a police cadet, and a planning assistant have been announced by the city of Torrance.

Applications for the bus operator and police cadet will be accepted until Nov. 27 and civil service examinations are set for Dec. 7.

Persons applying for the position of planning assistant have until Jan. 2, 1969, to submit applications. An examination is scheduled for Jan. 11, 1969.

The city's residence requirements have been waived for all three positions, but successful applicants must move to the city within six months after employment.

Salary for the planning assistant ranges from \$849 to \$937 per month. Salary for the bus operator is \$576 to \$633 per month.

The police cadet will work a 20-hour week at \$3.24 per hour.

Applications may be secured from the city's personnel office, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

## Adventure Film Slated At College

Captain Irving M. Johnson will present "Yankee Sails the Mediterranean," an idyllic cruise of the historic Mediterranean Sea, next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the

El Camino College auditorium. The travel-adventure film was photographed from the deck of Captain Johnson's 50-foot ketch, Yankee. Reminders of ancient civilization are everywhere as the Yankee follows routes as old as history itself.

General admission tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance for \$1.

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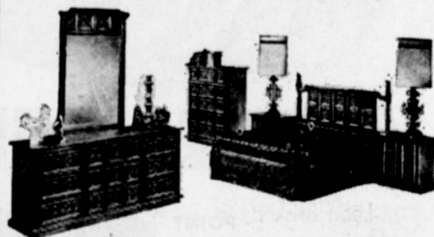
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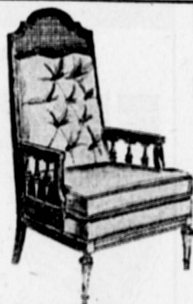
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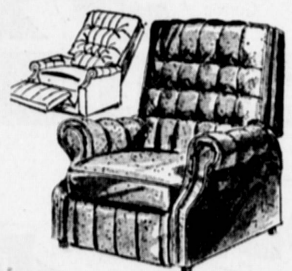
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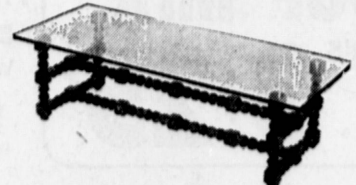
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