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BAND BATTLE . . . Two Torrance residents will com-pete in a preliminary "Battle of the Bands" contest Saturday evening at Long Beach City College, 4901 E. Carson St. Shown here preparing for the contest are Marsha Kucherer, 20, and Joel Schneider, 18. Both will compete in the vocal soloist division. Three finalists will be selected in each division for the Hollywood Bowl competition to be held June 27.

## The Mail Ego By TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

#### "Is it true that Ted Kennedy's wife was a movie ac-

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Yes, in a way. She did some film commercials for the Per-ry Como and Eddie Fisher hows when she was a model for the Conover Agency. This was before she married Kenne-dy. The only commercial any-one can recall showed her advertising coffee from a sail-

"I am shocked to hear that Carol Channing would do a television show titled 'Carol Channing Proudly Presents the Seven Deadly Sins.' Isn't this below her usual high standards?"

That all depends on how you look at sin. Her first big stage hit, "Gentlemen Prefer Blonds," was about adultery. Bionds," was about adultery. Her first big movie, "Thor-oughly Modern Millie" was about white slavery. The sev-en deadly sins of the middle ages were Pride, Envy, Sloth, Gluttony, Wrath, Avarice, and the everpopular Lust. In my estimation the only sin Miss Channing committed on the TV show was inviting Danny Thomas to be on it. Thomas to be on it.

"How can I find out if it's true that Mia Farrow is go-ing to marry Andre Previn?"

Ask his wife, Dore.

"When will David Merrick

### Markets Appoint Officials

Durward Black, vice presi-dent-merchandising for Alpha Beta Acme Markets, has been appointed to the post of presi-dent of the Western Associ-ation of Food Chains during the organization's 48th annual convention at Phoenix, Ariz. Black, who has been active in WAFC since 1964, previously has served as director. secre-

has served as director, secre-tary, and vice president of the association, which is composed of food retailing executives from throughout the western states.

He has been associated with Alpha Beta Acme Markets since 1947, when he worked as a grocery clerk at a store in Santa Ana. Subsequently, he worked at stores in Anaheim, Orange, and Pomona — be-coming manager of a Pomona

coming manager of a Poindia store in 1950. In 1954, he was promoted to the position of grocery special-ist; later held the posts of gro-cery merchandiser, district manager, grocery merchan-dise manager, division man-ager, and director of merchanager, and director of merchan-dising. He was named as a vice president in 1965. Black, with his wife Eileen

and children, Barbara, Duane, and Kenneth, resides in Fullerton.

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His contract with Twentieth

. . . "M y family was dis-appointed to see Bob Hope relegated to such a small spot on the Oscar Academy Awards. I hope his feelings weren't hurt."

He was relieved. In past

"Why doesn't Hollywood do more of the great classic stories?"

I guess there aren't enough nude scenes. But television is taking a new interest in the classics. "Little Women" aptaking a new interest in the classics. "Little Women" ap-pears next month and Sir Lau-rence Olivier has been signed for next season's "David Cop-perfield" — both on NBC. Due to the success of "Midsummer Night's Dream" this year CBS is planning "King Lear" for 1970. Eventually movies and TV will get around to them all because there aren't enough stores to go around.

# "If all the stars on the Os-car show appeared for free didn't the sponsor save a lot of money?"

Not much. The profits go to the Academy. Kodak, the spon-sor, paid ABC \$1.6 million for the rights to the two hour show. ABC paid \$750,000 to the Academy. And the Academy spent \$500,000.

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to do the movie version of 'Mame?' "

Only if Elizabeth Taylor

"Where does Bing Crosby live now?"

Right this minute he and Cathy Crosby are in their favorite resort Las Cruces in lower California. The rest of the time they live in a suburb of San Francisco.

#### **Meet Tomorrow**

Members of the Torrance Water Commission will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Room 214 at the City Hall, 3031 Tor-rance Blvd. A discussion of the proposed 1969-70 budget and of possible increases in water rates are included on the agenda.

His contract with Twentieth Century-Fox stipulates it can't be shown until the Broadway run is over which doesn't seem likely for years, but recently M e r r i c k relented and has allowed the studio to release the movie in December pro-vided they won't go all-out on publicity until just before the opening so as not to hurt the sales of the stage show. Now that I've told you the secret, don't cancel your seats! don't cancel your seats!

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year the entire show rested on his shoulders and he is glad to be out of it.