

TRIVIA, ETC.

Think back to vintage TV

By Steven Alan McGaw

Folks, I was a little mean last week. I asked who was the first choice to play Joe Buck in *Midnight Cowboy* (Michael Sarrazin), but neglected to say who finally won the role. It was, of course, Jon Voight. Sorry...

Questions:

1. What landmark television series made its debut on January 12, 1971?
2. Remember *Highway Patrol*? Who was the star and what was the name of the character he played?
3. Identify the actress who played the title role in the '50s series *My Little Margie*. (BONUS: What was Margie's last name?)
4. Who was the star of the early '60s series *Burke's Law*?
5. They made 104 episodes of *Superman* in the '50s. Can you A) name the actor who played the Man of Steel, B) identify the two actresses who took the role of Lois Lane, and C) name the theatrical feature that was edited into the two-part series premiere?

Answers:

1. *Star Trek*
2. George Takey as George Jackson
3. Catherine Keener as Margie Schuler
4. Gene Barry
5. A) Christopher Reeve, B) Phyllis Diller and Julie Newmar, C) *Lois Lane*

BITS AND PIECES

ABC rekindles 'Gabriel's Fire' with Richard Crenna addition

For next fall ABC is revamping the excellent, but underrated, series *Gabriel's Fire*, with the hope of drawing a bigger audience. Veteran actor Richard Crenna is joining the show, which will be retitled *Bird and Kati*. Crenna says the relationship between his character (Kati) and that of James Earl Jones (Bird) will be "antagonistic, but mutually respectful."



James Earl Jones in *Gabriel's Fire*

Mary Higgins Clark, the world's highest paid female mystery writer, recently took in a few more bucks for the film rights to her latest book, *Loves Music, Loves to Dance*. Producer Dodi Fayed (*Chariots of Fire*, *FX 2*) has acquired worldwide rights and expects production to start in about a year. The book, currently a bestseller, tells of a serial killer who selects victims via the personal ads.

Al Pacino and Michelle Pfeiffer last worked together on the 1983 film *Scarface*. Now, they're together again in the film version of Terence MacNally's play *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*. The movie's simply called *Frankie and Johnny*.

Nike has joined forces with PBS and the Children's Television Workshop for a multimedia literacy project titled *Ghostwriter*. Not only will there be a weekly television series based on the concept, but free mini-magazines for students, study guides for teachers and a weekly, syndicated newspaper column. Spokespersons say the project will have a bold, graphic appearance similar to that of MTV.

Broadway star Evan Handler walked off stage in the middle of a performance of *I Hate Hamlet*. Handler exited after star Nicol Williamson

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Entertainment Tonight previews Leslie Nielsen in *Naked Gun 2 1/2*, Thursday.



Carolyn Dunn plays an unorthodox private eye in *Sweating Bullets*, Fridays on CBS Late Night.