



ASK DICK KLEINER

Who was that 'Thing'?

By Dick Kleiner

Dear Dick: Here's a toughie. Who played "Thing," the hand servant that lived in a box on "The Addams Family"? — C.A., Millville, N.J.

Dear C.A.: Not that tough. Actually, Ted Cassidy, the huge actor who played Lurch on the TV series, doubled as the hand. He had a hand in two parts on the show.

• Dear Dick: My wife and I have been trying to remember the character name of Howard Duff when he was a member of the "Flamingo Road" series cast. — R.S., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear R.S.: Duff played Sheriff Titus Semple on that show.

• Dear Dick: Since I got married, seven years ago, my husband has been talking about this movie, "The Count of Monte Cristo." I have yet to see it. I'd like to get it for him on video, but I can't find it. Is it available? — R.C., Chicago.

Dear R.C.: There have been several versions of that classic story — the 1934 version with Robert Donat and the 1975 version with Richard Chamberlain, among others. Both have been issued on video cassettes, and your local store should be able to order either one of them for you.

• Dear Dick: Over a year ago, I ran across a Selleck family picture in a magazine, and Tom's sister, Martha, looks just like Connie Sellecca. Are they the same person? They look alike and the similarity of their names makes me think they are. — S.L.J.,

Salmon, Idaho.

Dear S.L.J.: Certainly, there is a similarity of names and appearances. But they are not the same people.

• Dear Dick: A couple of months ago, I watched the TV movie "Escape From Sobibor." It was a true story and very good. But I couldn't see it all. Do you think by any chance it will be shown again? — C.H., Houston.

Dear C.H.: By every chance. It was a marvelous production and virtually every TV movie is shown twice, according to contracts and agreements. They are too costly to be shown only once. So watch your newspaper carefully — it will re-run some day.

• Dear Dick: Is former actress Dolores Hart still a nun? She had such a promising film career in such movies as "Where the Boys Are" and "King Creole," with Elvis Presley. Does she regret leaving the film industry? — R.S., Reading, Pa.

Dear R.S.: Yes, she is still a nun. She has not been interviewed for years, that I know of. The last I heard, she said she was happy in her religious life. • Dear Dick: How old is Hayley Mills? Is she from England or from Boston? Her accent makes her sound like she is from one of those places. — L.S., Dayton, Texas.

Dear L.S.: Hayley Mills, who is 41, is very English. She is the daughter of the distinguished British actor Sir John Mills, and the younger sister of the delightful Juliet Mills.



Howard Duff



Ted Cassidy

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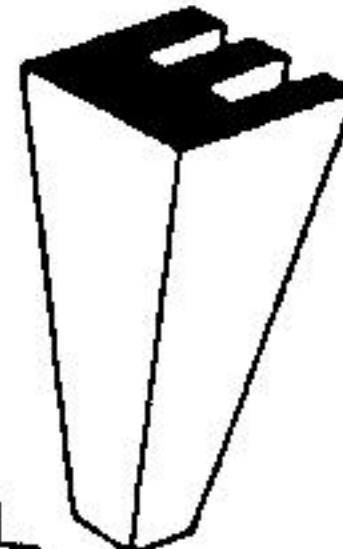
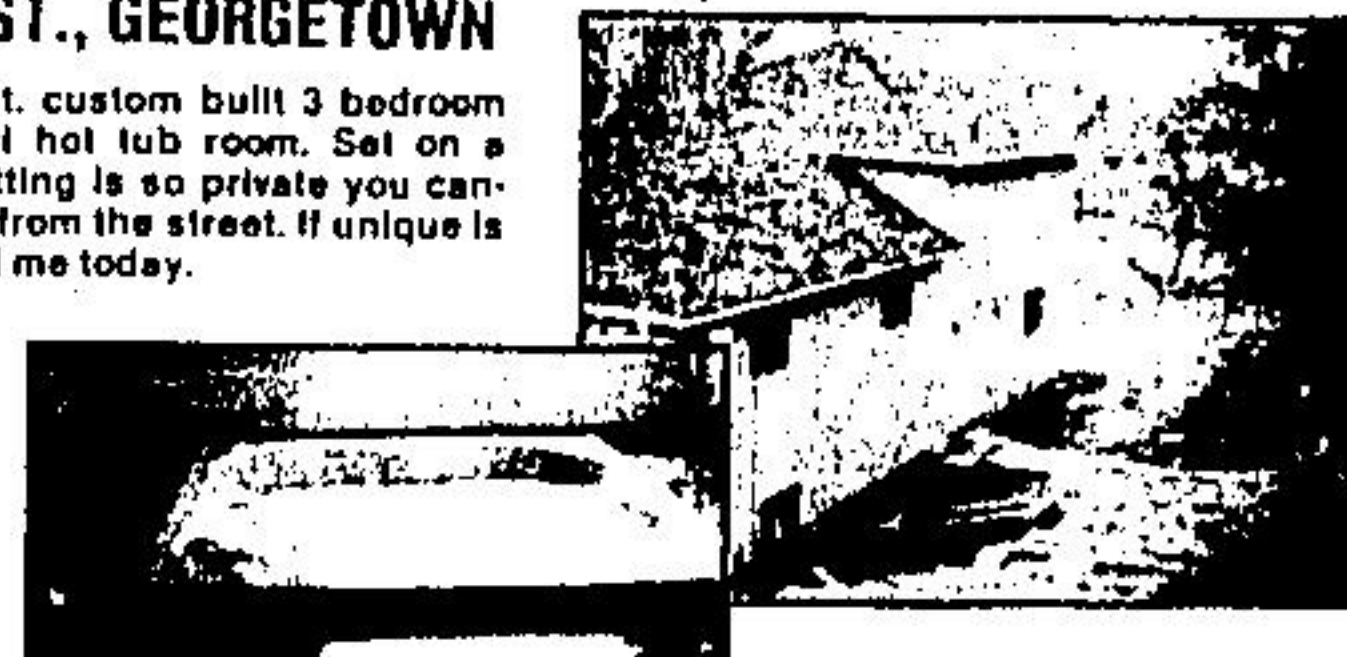
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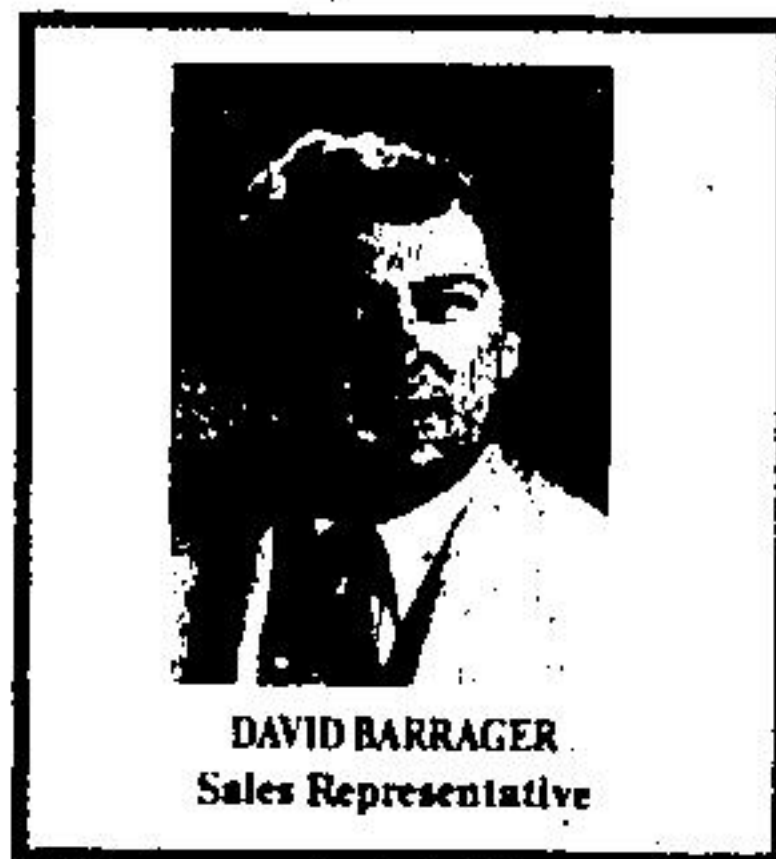
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