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Painters Rescued In Near Electrocutation

Two painters were in serious condition today following near electrocution Thursday when part of a long-handled roller they were using touched a high-tension powerline.

Power surged through the handle through one man, passed to the other and into the paint, which was splattered over both.

Each man received intense burns on a small portion of his body.

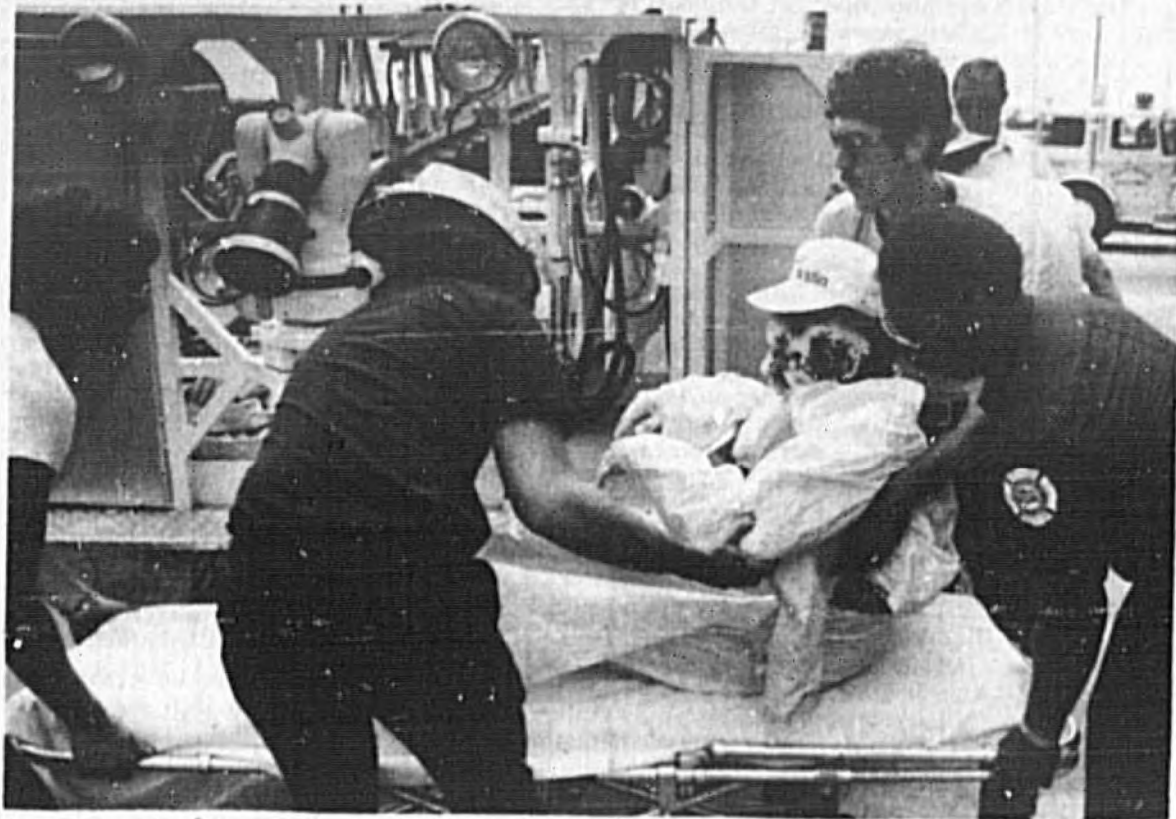
Receiving intensive care today at Central Florida Regional Hospital are Bob Young, 33, and Pat Holt, 17, both of Tampa.

The painters were injured around 12:30 p.m. as they painted the roof of a convenience store near Interstate 4 on state Road 46 west of Sanford.

According to fire and rescue reports, the men were painting with large buckets of paint. One man using the roller accidentally let its handle touch the powerline. Power surged from the handle through the painter who made contact with the other man in an unknown manner, through the second man and into the paint before grounding. The electricity threw paint over both men.

The current made an exit wound on one of the men as it grounded out from his body to the roof.

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Rescue workers lift a paint-splattered Bob Young onto a stretcher.



Pat Holt is lowered to the ground.

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A billboard depicting the planned luxury retirement high rise has for several months advertised the project to eastbound drivers on state Road 46 at the Chase overpass.

'Legend' Waits On Lawsuit

By Deane Jordan
Herald Staff Writer

Construction of a lake-side retirement condominium complex near Sanford's hospital is in jeopardy because the two directors of the company cannot get along.

One director filed suit against the other Wednesday.

On hold for the time being is the construction of Legend by the Lake, a complex planned by Sanford surgeon Dr. Kenneth Wing, Wing and his wife, Annette, filed suit against Gary C. Warner and his wife Kendra, both of Washington state.

The suit seeks an unspecified amount of damages in excess of \$5,000.

The suit's purpose is to force a resolution in the deadlock between the men so the project can be built, according to Wing's attorney David Simmons, of Orlando.

Simmons said today Wing intends to build the complex despite current disagreements.

Also named in the suit is Hemisphere Northwestern Inc., a corporation owned by the four people and directed by Wing and Warner. Its corporate address is 309 Mangosline Ave., Sanford.

Wing states in the suit that he and Warner cannot agree on how to run the corporation. Consequently, the project is not underway. He said he and Warner are unable to resolve their differences and effectively manage the corporation.

As a result, Wing said in the complaint, the company's assets are being wasted and mismanaged.

The Wing wants the corporation dissolved and the assets liquidated. The suit states Warner misused company money and one count of the civil suit accuses Warner of civil theft.

According to the suit, the Warners, through their company Evergreen Limited, owned property adjacent to the Wings' property at the proposed Legend by the Lake site at Mangosline and Seminole Boulevard. The two couples decided to create a Hemisphere Northwestern Inc. and develop the real estate. The Wings contributed their property worth \$250,000 to the company, Hemisphere, and then the company borrowed \$456,750 to buy the Warners' land. Both pieces of property were offered as security for the loan from Freedom Bank, Casselberry, according to the suit.

The mortgage on the property became due Jan. 26 and according to the suit remains unpaid.

Wing states that he and his wife have sought refinancings of the loan but that the Warners have said no to such action.

The Wings state they now own only 50 percent interest in their land and that the Warners owe them at least \$125,000, half of what the Wings' property was valued.

Wing states in the suit that Warner put no capital into the project and paid himself a \$40,000 commission when Hemisphere bought his (Warner's) property.

The Wings are asking for compensatory damages, court costs, interest and attorney fees.

Convenience Or Inconvenience?

Store Loses Round

By Rick Brunson
Herald Staff Writer

About 30 residents who live near a proposed convenience store site on Lake Mary Boulevard applauded and yelled "thank you" to Sanford Planning and Zoning commission members Thursday after the advisory board voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning that would facilitate the store be blocked.

Many of them were from the Groveview subdivision, which is adjacent to the site. The proposal was made by Thomas Tompkins of Centex Homes, the developer of Groveview.

Sam Ackley, who represented Tompkins at the meeting, said "It's a matter of convenience for those people to have a convenience store center."

But the residents who spoke against the rezoning said the store would inconvenience them.

Tompkins was asking the commission to rezone the property, located at Lake Mary Boulevard and Sir Lawrence Drive, from multi-family residential to restricted commercial. The P & Z board's recommendation will be forwarded to the city commission which is scheduled to take final action on the matter May 28.

Ackley said the developer had originally intended to put multi-family housing on the property but decided instead to build a convenience store there because it was an "ideal" location. But he said Tompkins hadn't yet

determined what chain would operate the store.

Bob Razler, of 327 Springview Drive, said the reason he bought a home in Groveview was because it was a residential area where "there were no convenience stores." He predicted such a store would bring surrounding property values down.

Razler said he also feared the store would increase traffic on the already clogged Lake Mary Boulevard corridor and make the intersection, a designated school bus stop, unsafe for children.

But car traffic is not the only kind of traffic he said he was afraid of. He predicted drug traffic would come into the neighborhood because convenience stores "are notorious for drug dealing."

"There are convenience stores all along Lake Mary Boulevard already. So why do we need another one?" Razler asked. Commissioner Brent Carll said earlier that there are eight convenience stores within a mile of the site.

Six other residents echoed Razler's concerns.

Tim Prince, of 306 Beverly Court, said allowing the parcel to be rezoned to a commercial district may set a precedent with other stores soon following and encroaching upon the residential area.

Commissioner J.Q. "Slim" Galloway moved that the request be rejected, saying, "I think people who have bought homes out there from this same developer deserve some consideration."

Ackley then requested that the matter be tabled until he could gather more information to address the resident's concerns. But motion had already been seconded for a vote and Chairman John Morris said it would be a "futile effort" since the sentiment of the board was to reject it anyway.

At that, the request was unanimously voted down 5-0. Three members of the 9-member board — Darrell Grieme, Eddie Keith and Gary Davidson — were absent.

But before the vote, Commissioner Cliff Miller cautioned the residents that traffic may be worse if Tompkins builds apartments on the property instead.

P & Z Advises Against Duplex

A Sanford couple who wanted to build a duplex on Chase Avenue, which is zoned single family residential, were turned down 5 to 1 by the Sanford Planning and Zoning Board. Three members of the 9-member board were absent.

The Sanford City Commission will take up the matter at an undetermined date.

The couple faced stiff opposition from residents from the area who feared the structure would bring drainage problems and crime to their neighborhood.

Pamela Moss asked the board to recommend she and her husband be granted a conditional use permit under the single family zoning designation to build a 1,400 square foot duplex at 2412 Chase Ave.

But five residents complained the duplex would ruin the "stability" of the neighborhood.

Muriel Schlegel, 2408 Chase Ave., said she bought a home in the area because it was zoned for single family houses. A duplex, she said, would "defraud" her.

Eatalean Norris, of 2421 Chase Ave., which is across from the site, complained the duplex would create poor drainage in an already low-lying area. She also said duplexes built earlier down the street have brought drug dealing, loud music and motorcycle riders to the neighborhood.

"It is amazing what goes on in front of my house," Ms. Norris said, adding that because duplexes are usually rented, they draw "unstable" people.

But Commissioner Brent Carll, who said he knew the Mosses personally, defended them by saying they're not "that type" of people.

"They would be a great asset to that community and your area," he said.

Mrs. Moss said she and her husband would live in the duplex, not rent it out.

But Commissioner Cliff Miller, siding with the residents on the drainage issue, said the existing duplexes near Chase Avenue have "ruined the area."

"Amen," shouted Ms. Norris.

The commission voted 5-1. Carll dissenting, to recommend denial of the conditional use permit.

It was Miller's last meeting because he resigned this week after moving out of the city.

In other action, the P & Z board:

- Approved a site plan for a 26-room motel at 125 W. Airport Blvd. being built by Andrew Kurtz of Sanford.
- Approved a site plan for an addition to the Ideal gas and food store at 1208 Park Ave. Carse Oil Co., which owns the store, wants to build a walk-in cooler, according to David Pierce, a spokesman for the company. The plan was approved on the condition the company build a sight-proof fence around the back of the property.

—Rick Brunson

Jobless Rate Holds Steady

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The unemployment rate in April held steady at 7.3 percent for the third straight month, as new jobs in construction, medical and business services offset losses at factories and farms, the Labor Department said today.

The size of the work force and the number of people unemployed — 8.4 million — remained the same as in March while construction trades added 70,000 of the 215,000 new jobs created during the month.

But factories lost 45,000 more jobs, most of them in the electrical and computer industries, to bring to 130,000 the jobs in manufacturing that have disappeared since December.

The unemployment rate on farms shot up to 13.1 percent in April, from 12.2 percent the month before, following one of the weakest months for farm exports in recent years.

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In Lake Mary

Car's 'For Sale' Sign May Cost You \$10

By Richard Truett
Herald Staff Writer

Residents of Lake Mary may soon face a fine if they put a "for sale" sign on their car or boat and park in it their front yard or at roadside without a permit.

Lake Mary City commissioners voted 4-0 Thursday to give preliminary approval to an ordinance that will require a permit to sell cars, boats and other equipment within city limits. The commission also approved a "bad check" fee and a water use fee for projects under construction.

Anyone selling a vehicle or any type of equipment in the residential areas of Lake Mary, will need a \$10.00 permit issued by the city.

The ordinance is aimed at protecting the character of the city from "commercial intrusion."

Permits will be available to residents who have property in the city at a maximum rate of one permit per lot every six months. Also, it will be illegal to park a vehicle or other equipment that is for sale on any public property or right-of-way. The fine is \$500 or 60 days in jail or both.

The commission also gave preliminary approval to an ordinance that will force people to pay for bad checks written to the water department. Commissioner Paul Tremel explained that the fee will be equal to what the bank charges the city. However, water department employee Harabara Gordon

said the utility only receives about 12 bad checks a year.

Construction companies will have to pay two times the minimum water bill of \$5.78 per month for water used before a meter is hooked up. Ms. Gordon said that by charging a flat rate, damage to meters can be avoided because in the early stages of construction, meters have been destroyed by workers.

In other action the commission:

- Heard Charles Metcalf, 154 W. Crystal Drive, say Lake Mary is in "bad shape" for a handicapped person. Metcalf, who is in a wheelchair, said, "There's nothing here for handicapped

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Bobby Douglas, left, and Buck Hodges polish goods for the Sunrise Kiwanis Club's 'flea market' Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sanford Plaza. Proceeds will help underprivileged children. Items to donate? Call 323-1770.

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WORLD

IN BRIEF

U.S. Protests Abuse, Detention Of 2 Diplomats

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — The U.S. government protested the detentions of two American diplomats and charged Polish police kicked and struck one of the envoys.

Poland said Thursday the two Americans had joined an illegal anti-government demonstration on Wednesday and were among 15 people "shouting anti-state slogans, carrying hostile banners and scattering leaflets" in Nowa Huta near the Czechoslovakian border.

The official news agency PAP said William Harwood, first secretary to the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, and David Hopper, U.S. consul in the southern city of Krakow, were detained briefly by police and released.

"Both were released immediately after their identities were established because of the immunities they enjoy," PAP said.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw had "vigorously protested this incident" and "categorically rejected the ludicrous allegations of the Polish Foreign Ministry that the two American diplomats participated in anti-government demonstrations."

Harsh Prostitution Law Proposed

OTTAWA (UPI) — The Canadian government is proposing a sweeping Criminal Code amendment aimed at getting prostitutes off the streets and making their customers liable for criminal charges.

The legislation proposed Thursday would replace an earlier law prohibiting solicitation for the purpose of prostitution. That law was rendered ineffective in 1978 when the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that soliciting meant "pressing and persistent" behavior.

Under the new law, prostitutes would no longer be able to approach motor vehicles or pedestrians even in a discreet way.

The bill ignored a two-year study commissioned by the federal government and released last month that recommended banning street soliciting while allowing prostitutes to work out of their homes.

The report also suggested provinces be empowered to license small "prostitution establishments."

Critics said the measure was "heavy handed," would lead to harassment of pedestrians, and police would soon be wearing microphones to monitor conversations on the streets.

Cuban Advisers Go Home

HAVANA (UPI) — A hero's welcome — complete with red roses — greeted 100 military advisers who returned home after training Nicaraguan government troops in a mission bitterly criticized by the Reagan administration.

As they filed off the Cuban jet's ramp Thursday under a blazing tropical sun, the men were greeted by Defense Minister Raul Castro and school children who handed them red roses.

The United States has pointed to the Cuban advisers as evidence of Nicaragua's close ties with communist nations.

Nicaragua recently said there were some 800 Cuban advisers in its army, while the United States puts the number at more than twice as high.

Caught Up In Police Torture Case

'Prince Of Pain' Pleads Innocent

NEW YORK (UPI) — A police sergeant dubbed "the prince of pain" and four other officers have pleaded innocent to charges of torturing drug suspects with electric stun guns and blackjacks in a Queens precinct station.

The five, who face eight indictments with a total of 28 counts including assault, possession of a dangerous weapon, official misconduct and conspiracy, entered the pleas Thursday.

State Supreme Court Justice John Gallagher dismissed one count against them and released them on their own recognizance.

Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward

called on civilians who believed themselves victims of police abuse to come forward and warned other officers that excuses of following orders were no defense against brutality charges.

"We will not accept that kind of defense," Ward said. "To say 'I was only following orders' is a Nazi defense. Each officer is responsible for his own actions."

The job of a police officer is to "lock up his superior officer if necessary, not to go along with criminal conduct because you are following the leader," he said.

Named in the indictments were Lt. Stephen Cheswick, Sgt. Richard Pike, dubbed "Prince of Pain," and officers

Jeffrey Gilbert, Michael Aranda and Loren MacCary.

The five surrendered at the Queens district attorney's office without speaking to reporters. All were suspended without pay last week from the so-called Torture Precinct — the 106th Precinct in Queens — after five suspects charged police burned their bodies with the stun guns to force confessions. The officers were not authorized to use the stun guns.

The brutality scandal has triggered a barrage of firings, transfers and abrupt retirements that have reached to the No. 3 spot in the nation's largest police force.

Burglar Gets 5 Years After Fingerprint Match

A fingerprint match netted an 18-year-old Altamonte Springs man 5 years in prison and 2 years of community control (a form of in-house arrest).

Gerald David Blaine, of 124 Jackson St., was sentenced Tuesday by Seminole Circuit Judge Robert G. McGregor who said Blaine deserved the still sentence because of a history of lawlessness.

Blaine was arrested Jan. 13 after fingerprints taken at the scene of burglary at Royal AMC Jeep, Casselberry, matched his, according to court records.

Deputies charged Blaine with the theft of \$332 from a cash box at the dealership.

The usual sentence for a first-time burglary offender is one year or less in the county jail.

In other court action:

—David Allen Johnson, 38, of Orlando, was sentenced by McGregor to 5 years for shoplifting and battery. Johnson was arrested May 10 after he took two tapes, two fishing reels and a jacket from Jefferson Ward in the Interstate Mall, Altamonte Springs. He took the items after struggling with and kicking two store security guards, according to court records.

—Tracy Thompson, 26, of Wauconda, Ill., arrested Jan. 3 for burglary, was sentenced to 5 years probation by McGregor. Thompson was arrested just outside the truck compound of Air Flow on Tulip Avenue in Casselberry. Police said a jack was found under a truck and the lug nuts had been removed. Thompson had a jack handle in his hand when caught, records show.

—Mathew Arena, 26, of 321 Pack Court, Sanford, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. He was arrested Feb. 12 in connection with a burglary that resulted in \$1,500 in property damage. Circuit Judge Dominick J. Salfi set sentencing for July 11. Arena could receive up to a year in the county jail.

—Eddie Lee Butler, 22, of 392 Longwood Ave., Altamonte Springs, pleaded guilty to burglary of a vehicle. He was arrested Feb. 5 after he was seen crossing state Road 436 in Altamonte Springs carrying a car seat. A second car seat was

found in a nearby vacant building next to a car lot. He could receive up to 5 years when sentenced June 14 by Salfi.

—Gerald Leonard Gunn, 29, of 4550 Dunbar St., Lake Monroe, pleaded guilty to petty theft. He was originally charged with attempted grand theft. Gunn was arrested Dec. 16 after he attempted to take some tires off a vehicle on Orange Boulevard west of Sanford. He could receive up to a year in the county jail when sentenced by Salfi.

—William Hill, 20, of 115 S. French Ave., Sanford, arrested Jan. 5 in connection with the theft of a three-wheel Honda motorcycle. Salfi set July 12 for sentencing. Hill could receive up to a year in the county jail.

—David Barto, 18, of 206 Graham Road, Fern Park, pleaded guilty to grand theft in connection with the theft of video recorders and stereo equipment from an Altamonte Mall store Dec. 15. He could receive up to a year in the county jail when sentenced July 12 by Salfi.

—Beth Ann Walker, 21, of 979 Aldus Ave., Altamonte Springs, was sentenced by Mize to 3 years probation and three days in the county jail for possession of cocaine. She was arrested in the parking lot of an Altamonte Springs bar Aug. 25. She could have received up to a year in the county jail.

—Darrell Anthony Johnson, 25, of 2590 Frog Alley, Midway, was sentenced by Mize to 2 years probation for the New Year's Day burglary of a church. Johnson surrendered to authorities. He could have received up to a year in the county jail.

—Milton McGalliard, 21, of 470 Moyes Road, Altamonte Springs, arrested Sept. 9 on charges of possession of cocaine and marijuana after an officer saw him acting suspiciously in a nightclub parking lot. Mize sentenced McGalliard to 2 years probation and five weekends in the Seminole County jail. He is also to undergo drug counseling.

—Rickie Dewayne Rhymer, 22, of Orlando, pleaded no contest to grand theft. Circuit Judge S. Joseph Davis Jr. set June 27 for sentencing. Rhymer could receive up to a year in the county jail. He was arrested Dec. 16

after taking about \$500 from a Casselberry home. He was captured at the scene by the homeowners.

—Terrance Kenneth Hill, 19, of E. Fourth St., Sanford, pleaded guilty to attempted burglary to a building. Davis set sentencing for June 27. Hill could receive up to a year in the county jail. He was arrested Dec. 20 after attempting to break into a Sanford grocery store.

—Alan Iyer, 20, of 2721 Azalea

Drive, Longwood, was sentenced by Circuit Judge C. Vernon Mize Jr. to one year of community control, 10 weekends in the Seminole County jail and 1 1/2 years probation for stabbing a man in the stomach during a fight Nov. 23. Iyer was arrested shortly after the incident at 2700 Azalea Drive, Longwood. He could have received up to a year in the county jail.

—Deane Jordan

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Study: Children Not Hitting The Books

WASHINGTON (UPI) — When it comes to their free time, children spend a couple of hours a day watching television and just a few minutes reading, says a new federally commissioned study.

The report, presented to Education Secretary William Bennett, offered 17 recommendations for parents, teachers, students and even publishers to hit the books. They include:

— "Parents should read to pre-school children and informally teach them about reading and writing."

— "Teachers should spend more time on reading comprehension skills."

— "Children need to spend more time reading independently and, by the third grade, should be reading at least two hours a day."

— "Textbooks in science, social studies, and other areas should be clearly written, well-organized and contain important information and concepts. Too many do not meet these standards."

The Education Department, which estimates that 23 million American adults are functionally illiterate, sponsored the two-year study, "Becoming a Nation of Readers."

Bennett told a news conference, "I urge the American people to take a look at it — indeed I would ask them to read it."

The study noted that standardized test scores of students declined steadily through the 1960s and 1970s and only

recently began to rebound slightly. It said a recent comparison between the United States, Taiwan and Japan found a disproportionate number of American children among the poorest readers.

The report also noted that only 15 percent of the nation's public schools have a library.

The Education Department is proposing no funding for public libraries in fiscal 1986, compared to \$125 million last fiscal year.

Bennett, asked about this budget request, said, "Well, we'll take a look at that." Asked what he plans to do with the study, Bennett, said, "We just did the first thing — we hope to get attention to it."

More than 5,000 copies are to be distributed to educators nationwide.

The report noted that a recent study found that just 10 percent of fifth graders surveyed spent more than 4 minutes of their leisure time each day reading. Overall, the students watched TV an average of 130 minutes a day.

Richard Anderson, director of the Center for the Study of Reading at the University of Illinois who headed the study, said there is "no evidence" that watching TV a few hours a week is educationally harmful. He said some viewing may actually be helpful.

But more than 10 hours and school achievement begins to fall, he said studies show.

SCC Film Series Listed

May 15:
"WOMEN IN LOVE" (1970) 131 min. Based on D.H. Lawrence's powerful novel that focuses on the relationships between two men and two women. Stars: Glenda Jackson (Best Actress Oscar) Oliver Reed, Alan Bates.

June 12:
"THE LAST PICTURE SHOW" (1971) 118 min. Based on Larry McMurtry's novel about life in a small Texas town in the 1950's. Stars: Timothy Bottoms, Jeff Bridges, Cybill Shepherd, Cloris Leachman, Ben Johnson, Academy Awards to Ben Johnson & Cloris Leachman for

their performances in a contemporary cinema classic!

July 10:
"COMEDY NIGHT" A section of comedy shorts starring Buster Keaton, Abbot & Costello, Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, and Spanky and Our Gang.

Aug. 14:
"THE MAD ADVENTURES OF 'RABBI' JACOB" (1974) Color, 121 min. Written & directed by Gerald Oury. Slapstick comedy of errors filled with frenetic sight-gags and madcap antics. Good hearted, best of Chaplin-Marx French language/English subtitles.

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Penick's Surge Passes Hibbard

By Rob Laria
Special to the Herald

1. Bill Hibbard
2. Billy Penick

That's the way it's been all year. Satellite's Hibbard first in the distance races and Seminole's Penick second.

It was getting old...too old for the talented Sanford junior. Third-lap difficulties had plagued Penick against Hibbard. This time, however, the determined distance ace vowed it would be different.

And Thursday night at the Region 4A-3 Track & Field Championships at Showalter Park, Penick did something about it.

1. Billy Penick
2. Bill Hibbard

Penick, relying of a new strategy devised by coach Ken Brauman, battled senior Hibbard step-for-step in Thursday's before reaching down for a tremendous surge in the final five yards to pull out the victory.

Penick's 4:20.5 performance was one of two school beats and four meet records to be established by Seminole as the Tribe continued its surge toward a state title.

Seminole won seven of the 17 events and scored 78 points to easily outdistance the 30-team competition at Showalter Field. Oak Ridge and West Palm Beach Twin Lakes followed with 43 and 34 points, respectively. Vero Beach was fourth with 30½ while Winter Park rounded out the top five with 22.

Penick and Hibbard had duled each other at least nine times before, and in each meeting Penick had come up short. He would stay close then succumb on the third lap. Penick's new strategy was clear — don't let Hibbard open up a gap at any time in the race.

"All season he's been beating me on the third lap," said a jubilant Penick. "I stayed with him this time. We were fighting all the way to the end."

In the last 50 yards Penick looked to again be headed for the runnerup position. In the final five yards, however, he pulled it out. "At the very end he slowed down and I got a surge," he said. "I've gotten stronger. Coach (Ken) Brauman had me work on shorter running intervals in practice and it's paid off."

Brauman heartily concurred.

Track/Field

"That was a tremendous, tremendous effort," said Brauman about the run. "He ran it just the way we set it up. He showed a lot of fortitude."

A host of other Seminoles also had big paydays. Franklin Barnett cruised through the field in the 120 high hurdles with a 13.7, despite nagging injuries. In the 440, senior Clifton Campbell edged teammate Eric Martin in a whirlwind finish. Both were clocked at 48.3, giving Martin the top time ever for a sophomore at Seminole.

Alvin Jones came up with an impressive victory in the triple jump, nipping teammate Leo Peterson by ¼ of an inch with a 48-foot leap. In the long jump both were edged out Vero Beach's Dale Dawkins. Those finishes were all good enough to qualify for next Saturday's State championships at Showalter, as the top four places in each event advance.

According to Brauman, the main importance of the competition was simply to qualify as many people as possible, especially in the relays. The Tribe responded by not only advancing but setting meet records in all three relays.

Without the services of Barnett, the Tribe ran the 440 medley relay in 42.3, thanks to Pat Davis, Louis Brown, Martin and Deron Thompson. Thompson, Campbell, Brown and Penick then teamed up to fashion a 3:31.5 in the mile medley relay, smashing the old meet mark by almost five seconds.

Finally, a 3:17 in the mile relay was good enough to beat a strong field by 4.5 seconds and set a new meet record.

"Everyone's performing tremendously, no disappointments," said Brauman, just before the relays. "We wanted to put our relay teams together, people that could score points at the (state) meet. The name of the game in these meets is making it to next week."

Tribe athletes weren't the only ones to dominate. Sammy Smith of Apopka, headed for Florida State of a football scholarship, flexed his muscle by sweeping the 100 and 220 with ease.



Billy Penick, left, surges past rival Bill Hibbard at the finish to win the mile.

Winter Park's Jay Jane, another college-bound footballer, took double honors in the discus and shot put events. His shot put of 57-3½ set a meet record and was the third best effort overall in Florida this year. Lake Mary's Bill Caughell advanced in the discus, finishing fourth. Lyman's Ralph Philpott was

another Seminole County stand-out, placing second in the high jump with a 6-2 effort. Lake Howell's Brian King was second in the 330 intermediate hurdles, an event Barnett dropped out of to nurse his mild injuries. In the 880, Lake Brantley's John Mondo placed third. Lake Howell pole vaulters had a big day.

Scott Knudsen and Dylan Rowe advanced, as did Lake Brantley sprinter Cornelius Friendly in the 100 and 220.

Finally, Ken Rohr of Lake Mary in the mile run and teammate Matt Palumbo in the two mile run moved on to next Saturday's state championships at Showalter Field.

Gordon Captures 440 Dash

By Chris Flater
Herald Sports Writer

WINTER PARK — When Fran "Flash" Gordon eyed the tape at the finish of the 440 dash she was determined to be the one who broke it. In last week's district meet, Lake Mary's talented senior had been nipped at the line so this time she wasn't going to be denied.

"I figured it was time for me to nip somebody," Gordon said. "I was sure I had it when I leaned."

Gordon outleaped Oak Ridge's Sheila Lee at the finish as both were timed at 57.9. It was a season's best for Gordon who finished second in the 440 at last year's 4A State Meet.

While "Flash" was at her best in the open quarter, it was strength in the field events that lifted Oak Ridge's Lady Pioneers to the 4A-3 Region title Thursday night at Showalter Field.

Oak Ridge finished with 73 points compared to 63 for Sanford's Lady Seminoles who took firsts in the mile medley and mile relays and got a first place from Shownda Martin in the 880. Lake Howell's Lady Silver Hawks finished third at 43.

The top four finishers in each event, individual and relays, qualify for the 4A State Meet next Friday at Showalter Field.

Gordon's tremendous drive at the finish capped what was one of the most exciting races of the evening and it no doubt impressed the scouts from Florida State University, who are recruiting the Lady Rams' senior leader.

"I tried to go out a little faster," Gordon said. "I had been going out too slow in the first 220. I knew I had a lot left in me at the finish."

Gordon was one of many Seminole County performers who turned in outstanding performances Thursday night.

●Lake Howell's Kim Hammonree, daughter of coach Tom Hammonree, broke a school record in winning the high jump (5-2) in a jump off.

●Seminole's Martin kept her incredible streak alive as she blazed to a meet record in the 880. The freshman ace has set a record in every meet she's competed in this season.

●Although they couldn't keep up with the relentless pace set by Winter Park's Kim Bovis, Lake Howell's Lisa Samocki (second) and Lake Mary's Jill Buddenhagen (third) both ran personal bests in qualifying for the state meet in the two mile.

●Lake Brantley's Joanne Hayward ran another exceptional anchor leg on the mile medley relay as she brought the Lady Patriots back from near extinction to qualify for the state meet.

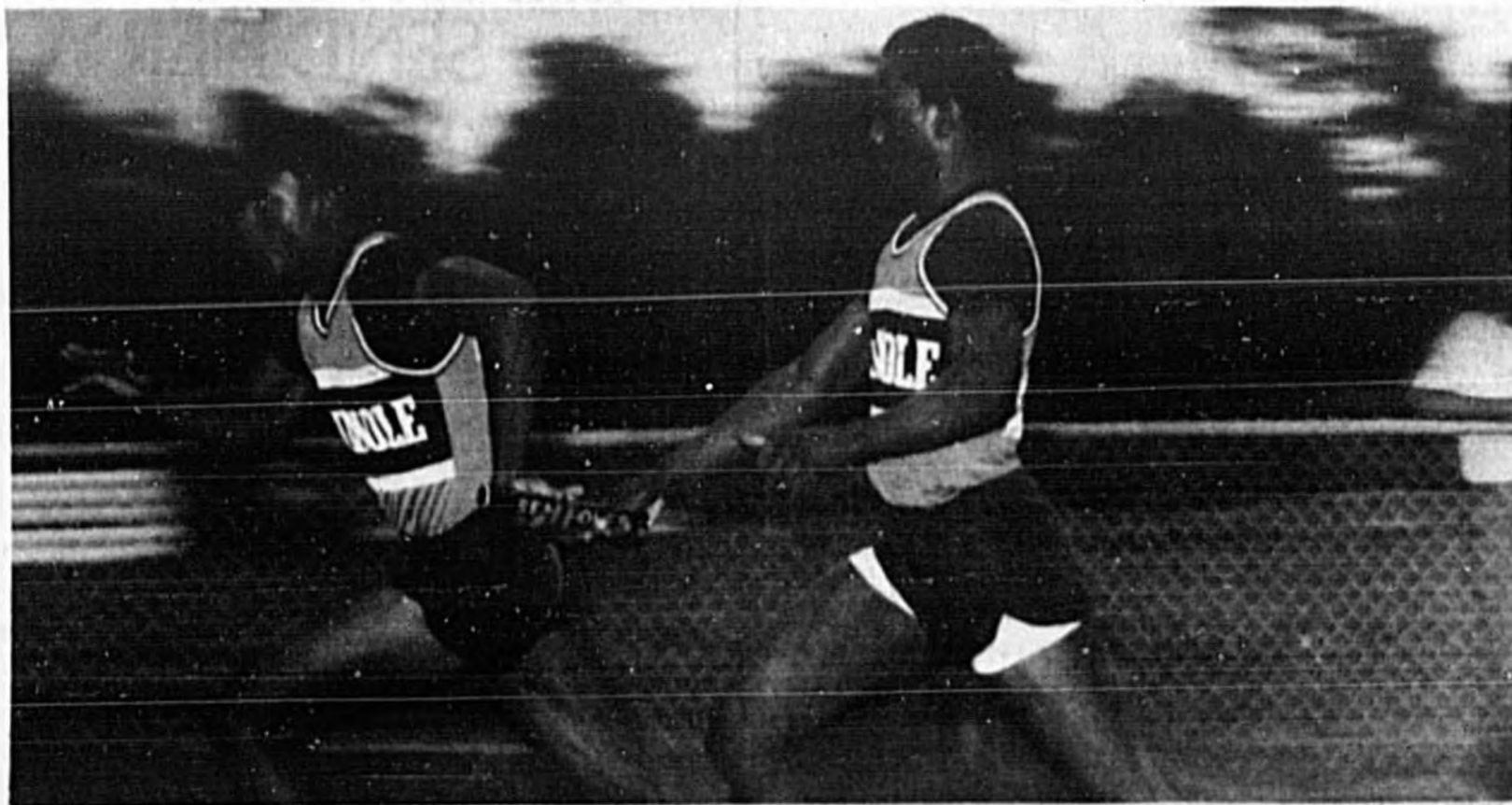
Coach Emory Blake and the Lady Seminoles will settle for second place this week and Blake believes the Tribe could challenge Oak Ridge for the state title next week.

"Oak Ridge got 12 points in the shot and 10 in the discus and that's what won it for them," Blake said. "We have to hope that Largo and other schools that have strong people in the field events can narrow the points down in those events. If that happens, we'll be able to give Oak Ridge a run next week."

The Lady Pioneers took first place in 3 of the 4 field events (shot, discus and long jump)

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Seminole's Louis Brown, left, takes the baton from teammate Pat Davis on the second leg of Seminole's first place 440 relay team. Seminole won the 440, mile medley and mile relays to easily romp to the Region 4A-3 championships Thursday night at Winter Park's Showalter Field. Seminole accumulated 78 points while runnerup Oak Ridge had 43. The Tribe goes for the state championship next Saturday.



Herald Photos
by Tommy Vincent

Chief's Crown Draws No. 2 Spot, Eyes Affirmed's Footsteps

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — Affirmed, in 1978 the last horse to win the Triple Crown, was also the last colt to win the Kentucky Derby from the second post position. Favored Chief's Crown Thursday drew the spot just off the rail for Saturday's 111th Run for the Roses.

"Now, it's just a coincidence," said Roger Laurin, trainer of Chief's Crown. "But we'll see in a few weeks."

Along with the draw, the son of Danzig was installed as a 9-5 favorite to win the Derby and claim the \$406,800 winner's purse for Star Crown Stables. Many observers think the smallish bay may also have the best shot of any 3-year-old in several years to win the Triple Crown, with victories in the Preakness and Belmont over the next month.

After the draw, most horse-

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man said the smaller than usual Derby field of 13 put less importance on post position. In a short field, they said, horses can position themselves easier when the race opens, and will have less trouble getting to the rail to save ground in the opening furlongs.

"I don't think (our outside post) will make any difference," said Cam Gambolati, trainer of speedy Spend A Buck, who drew the No. 10 hole and was made a 6-1 betting choice. "I've said all along that with the long run to the first turn that we'd have enough time so that we can get position wherever we are."

Eternal Prince, Spend A Buck's expected rival for the

early lead, was coupled with Rhoman Rule as a betting entry at 5-1 odds. Both owned at least in part by Spendthrift Farm. Eternal Prince will start from the No. 5 spot with Rhoman Rule two post positions closer to the rail.

Proud Truth, second to Chief's Crown in the disputed Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah in March, will start from the 11th hole. The John Veitch-trained colt was installed as second favorite at 9-2.

"The draw is fine," said Veitch. "This horse likes to come from behind and this will give (jockey) Jorge Valasquez an opportunity to place himself and have all of his options open. If he were on the inside, it might compromise him a little bit."

The entire field, with jockey and morning line odds, from the

rail out

Irish Fighter, Pat Day, 30-1; Chief's Crown, Don MacBeth, 9-5; Rhoman Rule, Jacinto Vasquez, 5-1; Tank's Prospect, Gary Stevens, 8-1; Eternal Prince, Richard Migliore, 5-1; Stephan's Odyssey, Laffit Pincay, 8-1; Enclosure, Ronald Ardon, 30-1; I Am The Game, Darrell McHargue, 30-1.

Also, Floating Reserve, Sandy Hawley, 20-1; Spend A Buck, Angel Cordero, 6-1; Proud Truth, Jorge Valasquez, 9-2; Skywalker, Eddie Delahoussaye, 12-1; and Fast Account, C. McCarron, 20-1.

Two horses shipped to Louisville as possible Derby contenders were not entered by their owners.

Creme Fraiche will skip the Derby to concentrate on other races, said Woody Stephens,

who trains the gelding as well as Stephan's Odyssey. Also not posting the \$10,000 entry fee was Avey's Brother. Trainer Ronnie Warren said he was told by owner Dewey White if he wanted the colt to run he would have to post half the entry fee.

One of few trainers not apparently satisfied with his post draw was D. Wayne Lukas, whose colt Tank's Prospect will run from the four hole.

"I'd like to be a little farther out, but it's not that bad with a 13-horse field," said Lukas. "If I could have picked I would have wanted the 10, 11 or 12 hole."

Twenty colts entered last year's Derby, the richest ever with a total purse of \$712,400. The 1985 field is the smallest since Genuine Risk beat 12 rivals in 1980.

SAC Is Seminole Athletic Conference

The new conference formed by the Seminole County high schools will be called the Seminole Athletic Conference.

It was erroneously reported in Thursday's Evening Herald as the Seminole Activities

Conference. Seminole, Lake Mary, Lyman, Oviedo, Lake Brantley and Lake Howell will make up the six-team which begins competition this fall's football season.

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Gardening

Popular Daylilies Adapt To A Variety Of Cultural Conditions

Daylilies are among the most popular perennials grown in Florida. They will grow just about anywhere. They are relatively free of serious pests, have a long blooming period, and are great in any landscape planting. Daylilies are available in a wide range of colors from yellow, orange, red, pink, purple and near-white. Our modern varieties have been developed from native Chinese species. Early settlers brought many of the original ones with them to America. Over the past century, hybridizers have made great improvements.

Daylilies adapt to a variety of cultural conditions, which make them ideal for landscape plantings, but they should be part of a planned planting rather than scattered throughout the garden. They're most effective when set in mass plantings of at least ten plants, preferably all of the same color. Daylilies are classified in two ways. First, some are deciduous, some semi-evergreen, and others evergreen. The evergreen varieties are probably the most suited for our normally mild climate. Daylilies are also classified according to the height they grow. The tall varieties will



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attain about 36 inches, the medium kinds are those from 16 to 36 inches, and the low-growing or dwarfs are 12 inches high or less. Naturally, the dwarfs are the best used for border plantings.

In Florida, the daylily is really a cosmopolitan plant, since it thrives in just about any soil from mucks, sands, to red clays. The plants prefer full sun, but will do well in partial shade, too. The darker shades do best in filtered light. The yellows, pinks, and pastel colors need full sun to bring out their best colors. Avoid deep shade as it will cause spindly growth and poor flowering. The light beneath pine trees is ideal for most daylilies.

Daylilies may be planted anytime of year, but they usually do best if they're planted right after flowering. Proper soil preparation is a critical step in

successful daylily culture. If your soil needs mending, do it before you plant. Daylilies are usually left in the beds for three to five years. Set your plants about 18 to 24 inches apart as they multiply rapidly. If they become crowded, flower production will drop.

To plant daylilies, dig holes larger than the root masses with a trowel or small shovel. Make a mound of soil in the center of the hole and spread out the roots to the sides of the mound. Next, fill the hole with loose soil making sure the crown of the plant is at ground level. Daylilies should be set at the same depth as they were originally growing. Water the newly set plants and keep the soil moist until plants are well established. Once established, daylilies need only minimum care.

Daylilies do like an occasional feeding. About twice a year, spread about two pounds of a complete fertilizer, such as a 6-6-6 or 8-8-8, per 100 square feet of garden area. Apply the fertilizer evenly, and be sure to water thoroughly after feeding to remove any fertilizer on the foliage.

Mulching your daylilies may

help retain soil moisture, reduce any weed problem and moderate soil temperature. A 2-inch layer of pine straw, leaves or shredded bark are among the most desirable.

One nice thing about daylilies is that they can survive temporary dry spells very well due to their extensive root systems. However, a prolonged drought may affect the bloom size, a number of blooms, and plant growth and vigor. A weekly application of enough water to soak the soil down to about eight inches will certainly help. You should avoid overhead watering during the heat of the day as it will cause open blooms to spot and wilt. Also, daylilies planted in full sun will need more water than those planted in more shady locations.

Happily most daylily plantings are virtually free from attack by insects and disease and will rarely need spraying. Occasionally, you'll have an infestation of aphids, thrips, spider mites or grasshoppers. They usually attack the foliage and flower buds. Most home gardeners do not realize spider mites are present until the damage is severe. Mite damaged

leaves lose their green color, turn tan and then brown and eventually die. Thrips are one of the most serious pests. They damage immature stems and blooms, causing discolored, misshapen flowers and definitely reduce flower bud set.

Daylilies are still one of the best flowering landscape plants you can set out. They're in

bloom now and for some time to come. The best way to pick what you want is to see them in bloom. Why not visit one of the several daylily nurseries in the area — and select the ones you want? In the meantime, get your beds worked up and amended if necessary, then you'll be ready to plant them.

Happy gardening!

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Adamson of West Palm Beach, wore an ivory mid-calf length dress with a seeded bodice.

Attendants for the bridal couple were Mr. and Mrs. James

Fraser, Lake Mary, and Ms. Carol Sales, Sanford.

A reception was held following the ceremony. After a wedding trip to West Virginia, the couple

are making their home in Sanford. The bride is employed as print shop manager at South Seminole Community Hospital. The bridegroom is leader of "Country Memories" band.

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The Sweeps

The flashy "Lace II" will be just one of the high-powered programs aired by the three major TV networks during May's 'sweeps.' Page 2

PBS: From Modern China To Gothic Mystery

By Joan Hansauer
UPI TV Reporter

NEW YORK (UPI) — PBS continues to offer its viewers dazzling diversity, from the mysteries of modern China to the dramatization of the first gothic mystery novel.

"The Heart of the Dragon" is a fascinating 12-part exploration of China to air weekly starting Monday at 8 p.m.

The opening episode, "Remembering," offers an historical perspective of this ancient land, sitting from the Qin emperor of the 3rd century B.C. to Mao Tse-tung and beyond.

The remaining 11 one-hour episodes cover every aspect of Chinese life, from eating to marrying to trade — and China increasingly works on the profit motive.

The emphasis is modern in this report, hosted by Robert MacNeil and Jim Lerner, narrated by Anthony Quayle and funded by General Electric. But somehow in a country with a civilization as old as China's, the past keeps nudging its way onto the

show.

One of the most fascinating chapters is the second, titled "Eating." Canton is the culinary capital of China — the province that specializes in eating, from fast food chicken to 14 course banquets.

What the Chinese don't eat for pleasure, they swallow for medicinal purposes. Powdered sea shells, snake bones, melon skins and the excrement of silk worms are all part of a hospital's pharmacopia. Hospitals also grow their own medications in herb gardens.

Tasty dishes that might or might not tempt a foreigner include pangolin stew — a pangolin is a kind of anteater — or perhaps dragon, tiger and phoenix soup. The dragon is a snake, the tiger is a cat (both wild and domestic cats are available at Chinese butchers) and the phoenix usually is a chicken.

Americans may be in for a shock at the extent to which Mao Tse-tung was defied in his later years, how the Chinese suffered during the brutal

Cultural Revolution of the Red Guards — and the degree to which Mao's philosophy has been spurned by the current regime.

The gothic mystery novel became part of English literature thanks to the works of Wilkie Collins — particularly "The Woman in White," published by his friend Charles Dickens in Dickens' magazine "All the Year Round."

Now there's a five-part BBC dramatization of "The Woman in White," which began Thursday on the PBS "Mystery" series. The series is a visual treat, an acting romp for the main players, and all-around good fun.

If the plot creaks with age, well, this is an antique.

The story starts when Walter Hartwright (Daniel Gerroll) sees a mysterious, forlorn and troubled woman dressed entirely in white on the night before he is to begin work as a drawing master.

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What Do You Mean You Don't Ski? This Is Florida!

By Susan Loden
Herald Staff Writer

Water skiing is a natural in Central Florida, what with its abundance of lakes and rivers. And although skimming across the water on a couple of skinny pieces of wood (or fiberglass) may look like a breeze, it's not. That's why experts advise that you bypass friends as teachers when you're first developing your ski legs.

Not that friends make rotten teachers. It's just that your buddy's boat may not have the power to pull you up onto the water with ease, ski instructor Frank Lee said.

Lee, who at 34 is the owner of a Casselberry ski and diving shop, has been skiing since he was 7 and says kids learn the sport with greater ease than do adults. But all novice skiers, whatever their age, run the risk of being discouraged (not to mention being force fed half the lake) if they try to plod along behind a boat that isn't equipped to do the job. A vessel should have enough oomph! to pull you quickly up onto the surface of the water at a speed of at least 18-20 miles per hour, he said.

Also, if you're going to



Herald Photo by Tommy Vincent

Skimming along, Greg Williams of Longwood finds skiing to be almost as simple as standing up.

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The 'Sweeps'

Liz, "Lace" And Motown At The Apollo

By Joan Hanauer
UPI TV Reporter

NEW YORK (UPI) — May will be made merry on television by the glitz of "Lace II," the life-swapping of "Deceptions" and the revenge of Elizabeth Taylor as she plays the late gossip columnist Louella Parsons in "Malice in Wonderland."

All these episodes and many more are coming up in May because it is "sweeps" time again, when Nielsen and Arbitron go into 200 local markets to measure the audiences on which advertising rates are based.

There are two nights when the three networks will be competing head-to-head.

On May 12, CBS will show "Malice in Wonderland," starring Taylor as Parsons and Jane Alexander as competing columnist Hedda Hopper, giving Taylor a chance to revenge herself on the breed with a wickedly delicious imitation of Parsons.

The same night ABC will present part one of the two-part miniseries "A Death in California," a bizarre true tale of rape and murder starring Cheryl Ladd and Sam Elliott, and NBC offers Sylvester Stallone in the theatrical movie "First Blood."

On May 19, NBC will show "Motown Returns to the Apollo," with Bill Cosby hosting the 50th anniversary celebration and official reopening of Harlem's Apollo Theater. Guests will include Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Little Richard and Gregory Hines.

That's the same night ABC will show part one of a two-part miniseries, "Deadly Intentions," about a murderously psychopathic husband, starring Michael Biehn and Madolyn Smith. On CBS it will be the start of the two-part "Christopher Columbus," starring

Gabriel Byrne, Rossano Brazzi, Faye Dunaway and lots more.

Other shows to watch for during May:

May 5, "Lace II," part 1 (ABC, 9-11 p.m.) in which our heroine who found her mother last year now searches for her father. "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" (NBC, 9-11 p.m.), a revival of the old show and a pilot for next season.

May 6, "Lace II," part 2 (ABC, 9-11), "The 20 Annual Country Music Awards" (NBC, 9-11) hosted by Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell and Jamie Fricke.

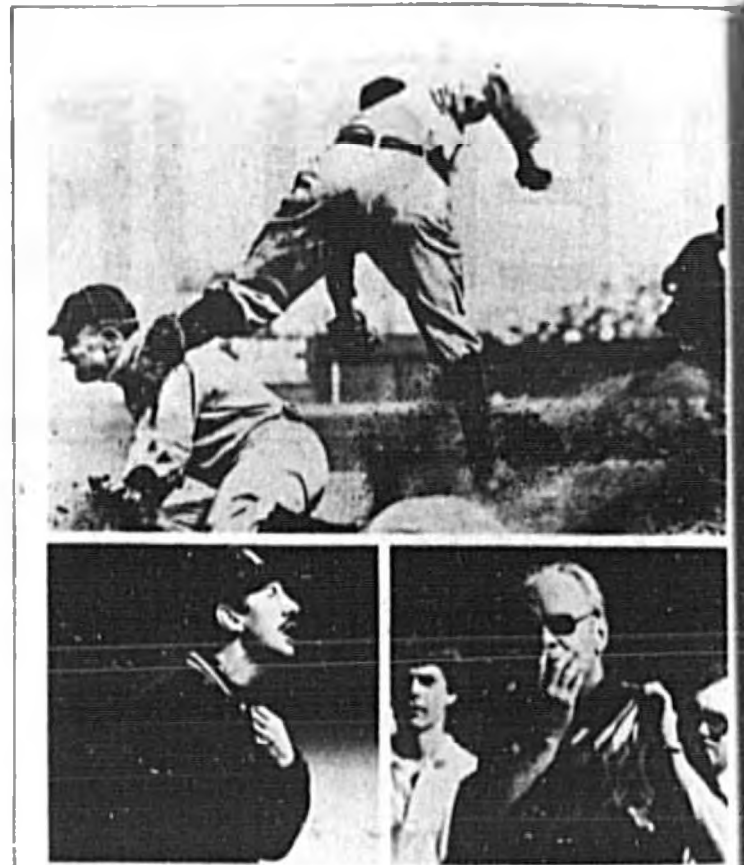
May 7, "The American Film Institute Salute to Gene Kelly" (CBS, 9:30-11) hosted by Shirley MacLaine. "99 Ways to Attract the Right Man" (ABC, 10-11) hosted by Tony Danza and Susan Lucci and including radio sex therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

May 8, "Going for the Gold: The Bill Johnson Story" (CBS, 8-10) starring Anthony Edwards as the American Olympic skier.

May 9, "The Real Trivial Pursuit" (ABC, 9-10) with Ted Knight, Hal Linden, Tony Danza and Loretta Swit among those playing the game.

May 11, "Letting Go" (ABC, 9-11), starring John Ritter and Sharon Gless in a romantic comedy. "Saturday Night's Main Event" (NBC, 11:30 p.m.-1 a.m.), with Hulk Hogan, other wrestlers and sports events replacing "Saturday Night Live."

May 13, "Jackie Gleason Presents the Honeymooners Return" (8-9) and "Peyton Place: The Next Generation" (9-11, both NBC). "The 1985 Miss USA Pageant" (CBS, 9-11). "A Death in California," part 2 (ABC, 9-11).



HBO Presents The Sports Hall Of Shame

HBO Sports takes a light-hearted look at some of the not-so-great moments in sports in an hour-long special airing Sunday at 10 p.m. Featured are (clockwise from top) a sliding Ty Cobb taking

out the third baseman, Gerald Ford realizing his wayward golf ball hit a bystander, and baseball's Billy Martin proving his philosophy, that silence isn't always golden.

...Skiing

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learn you may as well get off on the right foot and not pick up bad habits from your friends, which once developed are impossible to correct, Lee said.

Skiing itself is a hard-to-break habit, said Seminole Community College coach Tony Bagley who has taught about 1,500 SCC students to ski during the past 15 years.

Once you're in Bagley's class he won't let you out until you've been up on skis, even if it takes 57 tries, he said. But for most learning is simple and even persons who aren't completely mobile, like those with arm injuries, who think they couldn't ski may be able to, he said.

To test your aptitude for the sport, which Bagley said is second only to boating as Florida's favorite water sport, you might check out the feel of skis before hitting the water. Put them on and sit on the back of the skis with your knees bent to the chest. Grab hold of the two line handle and have someone tug on the other end, simulating the pull of a boat.

Then comes the hard part. The way Lee describes it, it's a walk in the park.

"The boat pulls you up and you stand up. That's about all there is to it. It's easier than one would think," he said.

In truth, however, it's a little tougher than that. Not that skiing takes any Herculean amount of athletic skill. Balance is the key. Once you feel comfortable in the water and have gotten a feel for the tricky balancing act, you should have no problem.

Some instructors' boats are equipped with a relatively new device, a boom, that makes learning even easier and safer.

The boom sticks out from the side of the boat and the trainee either holds directly onto the bar or is attached to it by a very short tow line, instead of being pulled behind the boat by a long tow rope.

Lee said this gives a more stable start and takes the student out of the boat's wake. It puts the skier closer to the teacher who can more easily issue directions.

Bagley insists that his students know how to swim, even though non-swimmers can and do become skiers. "I feel if a person can't swim they have no business on skis. That's like trying to fly when you can't even walk," he said.

You don't have to be a champion swimmer, but you should at least know how to stay afloat, Bagley said.

Skiing professionals charge

about \$35 an hour for lessons and most suppliers of ski gear can hook you up with an instructor. Cost of the SCC ski course is about the same \$35 for a full term and includes cost of the boat and gear used, Bagley said.

The time it takes to learn will vary depending on the individual, but Lee said most are up on two skis within the first hour. Once you get the basics down, Lee said, you'll have to practice, practice, practice.

"Skiing gives you self-confidence," Bagley said. "It's quite a thrill to learn and there are no limits on how good you can become. It's a sport you can pick and do on a high level without starting at an early age."

Once you're ready to invest in your own gear, Lee said, you'll pay about \$100 to \$250 for a pair of beginner's skis and about \$50 for a vest, which will keep you afloat when you drop the tow rope and hit the water, sometimes voluntarily, sometimes not.

There is one truth to skiing — if you ski you're going to fall. Occasionally rather awkwardly and very hard. On such occasions the water feels anything but soft. You can have the wind knocked out of you, or become dazed. You can even be knocked unconscious. Without a ski vest to keep you afloat you could easily drown.

When it comes to skiing, three isn't a crowd. In fact, Lee said, it takes three to ski. The skier, the driver and an observer, required by law to keep an eye on the skier and help ensure the driver steers clear of other boaters.

There is an abundance of public and private lakes as well as the St. Johns River that easily accommodate Seminole County skiers. But, Lee said, in choosing a site to learn it's best to choose a lake that's not crowded. And although both novices and seasoned skiers take to the waters of the St. Johns, Lee said because of the heavy traffic on the river it's less than ideal for skiing as far as safety is concerned.

The major threat to skiing safety is other boaters, Lee said.

"A skier in the water isn't as visible as you might think."

But very few skiers are injured, except for minor bumps and bruises.

"The biggest cause of injuries is carelessness," Lee said — "skating too close to the shore or a bridge and hitting a piling."

Once you start skiing, the speed, the sensation of "being in a boat without the boat being around you" will, Lee said, keep you skiing. "It's so easy, you just want to go faster and faster and faster. You start learning a few tricks, cutting

back and forth."

The next step is to slalom using just one ski.

"As you advance you can even ski without skis, sailing along on the surface of the water with your bare feet," Lee said.

"The speed and spray is exhilarating. You're defying gravity and it's a lot of fun."

SKIING SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

Seminole Community College skiing coach Tony Bagley suggests these safety rules to water skiers:

- Don't ski without a life jacket or belt.
- Don't ski with other skiers and drivers until hand signals have been checked.
- Don't "hit it" until the lines are clear of your body.
- Don't cut the wake on the inside of a turning boat.
- Don't put the handle yoke around any part of your body.
- Don't ski close to the dock, land or other boats.
- Don't ski in busy boat channels.
- Don't ski at night.
- Don't ski directly toward the dock or shore while landing.
- Don't ski with another skier when you are on a metal-finned slalom ski.

Martha Coolidge Counts On Genius

By Dick Kleiner

HOLLYWOOD (NEA) — Nothing much surprises Hollywood's special-effects people. They have had to build man-eating sharks and set fires in skyscrapers and stage fights with laser beams.

But the special-effects team working on "Real Genius" has a real problem — blowing up a house with popcorn.

"Real Genius" is a story about a couple of young geniuses in a school a lot like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. They invent a weapon that the Army confiscates, and the geniuses have to get it back.

And they ultimately eat popcorn as their means to that end.

"It's a techno-comedy," says

director Martha Coolidge. "It has serious overtones, but it has a bit of sci-fi — accurate and plausible science — and some good comedy."

Martha Coolidge says that she, like most directors, has been typecast. In her case, thanks primarily to "Valley Girl," she has been typecast for doing teenage sex comedies.

It is her fervent hope that "Real Genius" breaks her out. It's funny, but it has a definite serious side to it.

She did a lot of her own research into the scientific aspects of this story, before undertaking to direct it.

"I had always loved physics," she says, "so I went back and read a lot of physics books. Especially books on quantum

physics. And I read a lot about lasers and I talked to a lot of military defense experts."

She says that the film is not anti-defense or anti-military, even though the main heavy (William Atherton) is employed as a scientist by the Defense Department.

"Sometimes, however," she says, "just because there is a new weapon, it is not necessarily a good weapon. The one in this story is an evil weapon. It's only purpose is assassination. It has no tactical value."

She wants to make it clear that the weapon in "Real Genius," plausible though it may appear, is a fictional thing. It is in the laser family, "but no laser like this laser exists — at least, not that we know about."

Martha Coolidge comes from

New Haven, Conn., and, coincidentally, so does Bill Atherton, her chief villain in "Real Genius."

She is, she says, a fourth cousin, twice removed, of the late President Calvin Coolidge.

"I'm also distantly related to Rita Coolidge, the singer," Martha says. "All the Coolidges are related, but I'm much closer to Calvin than to Rita."

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She mentions the very house and family to which he is going.

On arrival he meets his employer, the impossibly languid Frederick Fairlie (Ian Richardson) and Fairlie's niece — sensible Marlon Halcombe (Diana Quick who played Julia in "Brideshead Revisited") and beautiful blond Laura Fairlie (Jenny Seagrove), who dresses in white, and with whom he falls in love. The girls

are half sisters.

Laura is engaged to Sir Percival Glyde, a betrothal arranged by her late father. She is warned off the marriage by Anne Catherick, the mysterious woman in white, but goes through with it despite her misgivings and her love for Walter.

It soon becomes clear that Sir Percival married Laura to pay his debts and is somehow in league with the charmingly exotic and sinister Count Fosco, played with silky roguery by Alan Badel.

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