

Good

Morning!



#### A Serious Actress At A Tender Age

...is the only way to describe Melissa Gilbert, NBC's 16-year-old child star. Miss Gilbert has not only acted in the series of "Little House on the Prairie," this past year, but by October will have also made a debut as Helen Keller and Anne Frank.

## Melissa Gilbert At 16

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NEW YORK (AP) - Come October, is happy to be doing another season Melissa Gilbert will have played -in just over a year — Helen Keller in a Worker," as well as the lead in a new made-for-TV production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

She has continued, in the meantime, her portrayal of Laura in "Little House on the Prairie," one of NBC's few successful series.

That brief resume could represent the highlights of a life's work. But Miss Gilbert, who turned 16 in May during production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" — already is thinking about another challenging role.
"The next thing I would like to do,"

says the slender, light-haired actress, "is 'Saint Joan.' She is the only other person I really want to

After a moment's hesitation, she adds: "Another one I'd love to do is Scarlett O'Hara in 'Gone With the Wind.' Of course, with inflation and everything, who's going to want to remake 'Gone With the Wind'?"

Both of those projects are a while off in any event, and Melissa Gilbert

has time for right now.

Production for the 1980-81 season began early in June, and will continue into February

Laura Ingalls, Helen Keller, Anne
Frank, maybe Joan of Arc and
Scarlett O'Hara? There is, in
Melissa Gilbert's mind, a common life will be like before I really get there. I don't think I'm going to be

"They're all people of incredible strength and will," she says, "and because they're real, we can use them as models for our own lives.

"Besides, each of them is similar to me in a way," she adds. "I'm usual-ly spunky and outgoing, I guess you could say extroverted, and so were

Melissa Gilbert no longer is the "little girl with braids and buck-teeth" her own description - introduced as Laura Ingalls the evening of Sept. 11, 1974. In fact, in the first episode of the coming season, she will marry Almanzo Wilder - a development in the story of considerable significance to the young actress.

is happy to be doing another season of "Little House on the Prairie" —her seventh. Indeed, that's all she has time for right now.

"I can't be little Laura any more, rolling in the dirt and playing with my friends," she says. "But we do have a show next season where I get into a fistfight.

"It's not with Nellie," she adds quickly, referring to her long-time

married for a while."

Both her mother, Barbara Crane Gilbert, and her father, the late Paul Gilbert, were entertainers. Miss Gilbert's own career as an actress began before she was 3, with a commercial for baby clothes.

· There was a break of several years, then more commercials. Most of her acting time the last six years has though she has appeared in episodes of "Gunsmoke," "Love Boat,"
"Emergency" and "Tenafly."
Miss Gilbert says she and her mothers sayed the transfer of the tra

er selected both "The Miracle Worker," shown last October, and "The Diary of Anne Frank," to be broadcast by NBC Oct. 27, as challenging roles. Both were co-produced by Miss Gilbert's own film company, Half-Pint Productions.

Patty Duke — now Patty Duke Astin — had portrayed Helen Keller in a 1962 feature film production of "The Miracle Worker," and she agreed to return for the TV remake Miss Keller's teacher, Ann

Sullivan. "The Diary of Anne Frank" also was produced previously as movie, in 1959, with Millie Perkins in the

In the upcoming NBC broadcast, Maximilian Schell is Anne Frank's father, Joan Plowright her mother, and James Coco plays Mr. Van Daan, a neighbor.

"In school, it's great if it comes easy," Miss Gilbert says of her choice of the difficult dramatic parts, "to just breeze along.

"In work, I like to find challenges, so people will say, 'Who thought the little girl with the braids could do that?"

## Actor Made Unexpected Stardom

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Leonard Nimoy, who rocketed to stardom as the pointy-eared Mr. Spock of TV's "Star Trek," says he never expected to make a

lot of money as an actor. "My only hope was to make enough money to support myself," said the 48-year-old Nimoy in a recent interview, recalling the decade when he was struggl-

ing to support himself through acting alone. Nimoy remains an obsessive worker. After more than 100 performances of his one-man play, "Vin-cent," he was still revising cues and tuning the script by Phillip Stevens about the tormented artist Vincent Van Gogh.

As a struggling young actor, Nimoy said it was a belief that he had something to offer that kept him go-

'In that sense I have a tremendous identification with Vincent because I really believe that he believed that he had something to offer and that he wanted to give it," said Nimov.

He continues to win cheers for his portrayal of the artist through the central character Theo, who financially and emotionally supported his brother Vincent and died a year after the artist.

Reading from Van Gogh's letters, Theo tells the story of the artist's life, a soliloquy-like performance in which Theo at times offers something of an apology for Van Gogh's eccentricity, but demands acceptance from the world.

'If a poet touches your soul, he gives you a sense of universal connection with the rest of mankind," Theo says. "Must he have proper table manners as well?"

Nimoy, who has starred in such roles as "Twelfth 'Fiddler on the Roof" and "Man in the Glass Booth," greets each audience as a unique stranger with whom he must learn to communicate.

"I think it is the arts in our lives that enrich our lives and make us feel better about ourselves," he said.

And although he acknowledged he now is financially independent enough to reject scripts he does not like, he said he finds it hard to slow his pace.

'I have been an obsessive worker for a long, long time. I still enjoy working very much, "Nimoy said.

## News Network Makes Its Debut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eight days after Ted Turner's costly, ambitious Cable News Network commenced operations, still another TV news network was delivered unto this world. Independent News Network, it is called.

The two newcomers share little more than a common mission — to undermine ABC, NBC and CBS. Turner's CNN cost \$40 million or so to launch; INN cost

less than a million. CNN offers 24-hour-a-day programming; INN offers 24 minutes. CNN is on cable; INN is overthe-air. Because of that last, though, INN reached more

viewers in its inaugural week (June 9-13) than CNN could reach if fully one-half of its potential audience tuned in (an unlikely possibility).

Independent News Network is a fully produced, prime time news program that is transmitted by satellite to 27 stations across the country. The program originates at the parent station, WPIX in New York.

The hope behind INN is that independent television stations will be able to exploit the new popularity of news to snare some of the prime time audience from the major networks. Heretofore, most of the stations had tried to battle the networks' glossy entertainment schedules with a mixed batch of syndicated reruns and old movies.

INN also gives the locals a chance to offer national news, and thereby concentrate more on local coverage in their own news programs.

Although INN advertises itself as a "network news" program, the product is not exactly of Cronkite caliber. It uses WPIX's anchors — Pat Harper, Bill Jorgensen and Steve Bosh — and the "look" of the show is more like a big-city independent's production (which, essentially, it is) than a national news program.

While due emphasis is placed on top national stories Mount St. Helen's, a presidential confrontation with Miami blacks, etc. - there is also some "soft" stuff, people features eschewed by major networks because of time limitations.

Sports and weather are also squeezed in. The problem is, INN doesn't have any more time than CBS, NBC or you're watching an INN report that jogging can hurt your love life.

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### Horoscope



June 19, 1980

This coming year you are likely to be luckier with small enterprises or ventures than you will despair. Collectively, they could add up to a tidy sum.

gEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your efficiency and speed in completing your chores is admirable, but don't let your drive interfere with taking the time to be courteous and pleasant to those around you. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in the year follow-ing your birthday by sending for your copy of Astro-Graph. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Enjoying the good company of folks who drop in unexpectedly should make this a pleasant day Weigh your words carefully, however, because someone is

extremely sensitive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Extra
change in your pocket might give
you a false sense of security
today. You could spend foolishly on frivolous entertainment if you're not realistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Oth-

ers will let you set the pace today, because you're creative and clever. If you use emotional coercion at any time, however, ou'll lose control LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sud-den windfalls could come today

keep things to yourself. Jealous ears could cause problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You're very adroit today in your social dealings, but in money or business matters you may not be so skillful. Try to make friends,

through unusual sources, but

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rather than tackle multiple projects today, do that which is essential and do it well. Too many irons in the fire could cause complications. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your initial ideas are likely to be your best today, so play them out. Changing your mind too often will get you off-track. You might lose sight of your objections.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Commercial situations could be far more complicated today than they appear on the surface. Be careful, whether you are just shopping or speculating in secu-

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be wary of others' promises today. Though their intentions may be good, there is a strong possibility they may not be able to deliver what they say they can.

# THE EXPLORERS SYSTEM OF PANAMA CITY 1980 SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES ARIES (March 21-April 19) Unusual happenings at work can spur your optimism and make this a very productive day, provided you don't leave practicality out of the picture. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Speculating or taking appages

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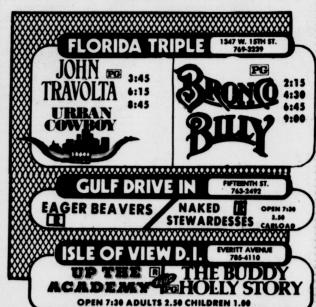
Sunday Aug. 17 2 p.m. Bowling-League-Selective Games Thurs. Aug. 21 7 days Atlantic City/New York-

Members, families and friends are invited to join the Explorers and

\$2 donation Sunday July 27 2 p.m. Beach Party/Picnic-Snack, \$5 Donation Friday Aug. 8 3 days Disney World-Busch Gardens \$140 per person \$2.50 donation \$320 per person Sat. Sept. 6 3 days Bahamas Cruise-Air Fare included \$325 per person ed. Sept. 17 9 a.m. Tennis-Bring your own Friday Sept. 26 2 weeks Jerusalem/Holy Lands \$1200 per person

participate in these activities. New members are welcome. Registration and deposit deadline six (6) weeks prior to departure For information call 769-5129 between 4:30 & 7:00 p.m





# **TV Log**

THURSDAY JUNE 19, 1980

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(17) ALL IN THE FAMILY
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(3) (10) ODD COUPLE
(3) (11) (18) SANFORD
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(10) SPORTSCENTER
(11) (20) (12) PRIME TIME
(13) ZOLA LEVITT
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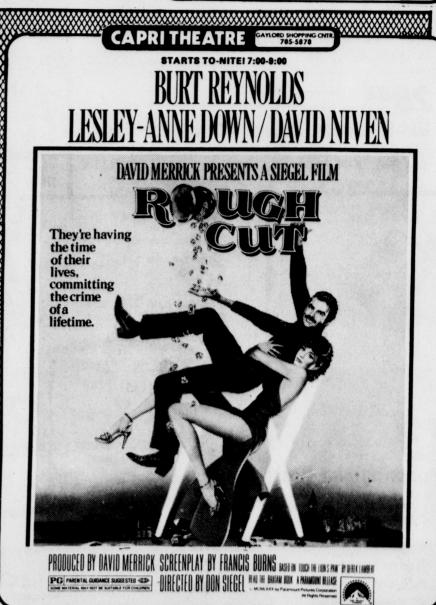
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