

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

Could Sally Field, apple-cheeked star of such marshmallow entries as "The Flying Nun" and "Gidget" actually be convincing as an emotionally disturbed young woman displaying 16 different personalities?

That was the question before turning into the two-part NBC TV movie "Sybil" based on the documented facts of a real-life case.

The program, seen on recent Sunday and Monday nights, also featured Joanne Woodward as the psychiatrist Dr. Cornelia Wilber, who treated the young woman suffering from a tormented childhood.

Woodward's performance, as usual, was convincing from the start. Authority, compassion and a certain vibrance all meshed to remove her from the similar split personality role she had portrayed in "Three Faces of Eve."

Field was another matter. Halfway into the first part I was still seeing Sally Field rather than the patient Sybil. (As well as Vicki Peggy, Vanessa and her other splinter selves) going through the motions of a human being devastated by fear, guilt, and confusion.

Then, at some point shortly

thereafter, the acting dominated the actress, submerging Field and revealing tortured bits and pieces of a woman still bearing the scars of a childhood so bad as to make the viewer cringe at this true horror story.

Field may be no Bernhardt yet. Nor even a Woodward. But undoubtedly she is growing in her craft and on her way to becoming a most competent performer.

Farah Fawcett-Majors (Mrs. Bionic Woman) and one of the gorgeous stars in the tinsel quality "Charlie's Angels" has redeemed herself in part in at least one viewer's jaundiced eye. She's as pretty with her hair flying and face perspiring as she was gussied up for the hair commercials she did. And not only that, she's something of an athlete too as she demonstrated in the ABC tournament of network stars. (Well that takes care of the hope that all the beauty was a matter of makeup and good camera work.)

Homebox Office subscribers who do not consult their HBO program guide before punching the channel selector could be in for a rude shock. Switching from a local station to HBO to see what was playing on 14 recently let us in for some of the vilest language imaginable. Playing this month on various evenings on HBO, "The Exorcist"

MEMORIAL MASS

A First Saturday Mass in memory of Mrs. Joseph (Cecilia) Bayer will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. Dec. 4 in Corpus Christi Church, at the request of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. Members and friends are invited.

Association For Blind Plans Drive

The Board of Directors of the Association for the Blind has formed a membership drive committee. Roy B. Longha, president of the board, has chosen Dec. 6, 1976 as the starting date for this drive. Longha commented, "We wish to increase the awareness and interest of the community in the services offered by the agency. The association needs to develop a constituency."

Donald Metzger, Irondequoit,

has been chosen as the membership drive chairman. Also on the committee are Robert Anderson, Paul Beck, Charles Chadwick, Sean Connellan, Peter Connelly and Mrs. Melvin Neisner.

The Association for the Blind, an agency of the United Community Chest, serves 1,925 persons yearly. Work is done in schools, colleges, business establishments, in private homes and nursing homes as well as in the Association facility.

Services are provided to assist a blind or visually disabled person to acquire and develop new independence.

MOLINARI HONOR

The Oldtimers Athletic Association and Monroe County charity organizations are honoring John W. Molinari at a testimonial dinner-dance at the Mapledale Party House at 5:30 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 28.

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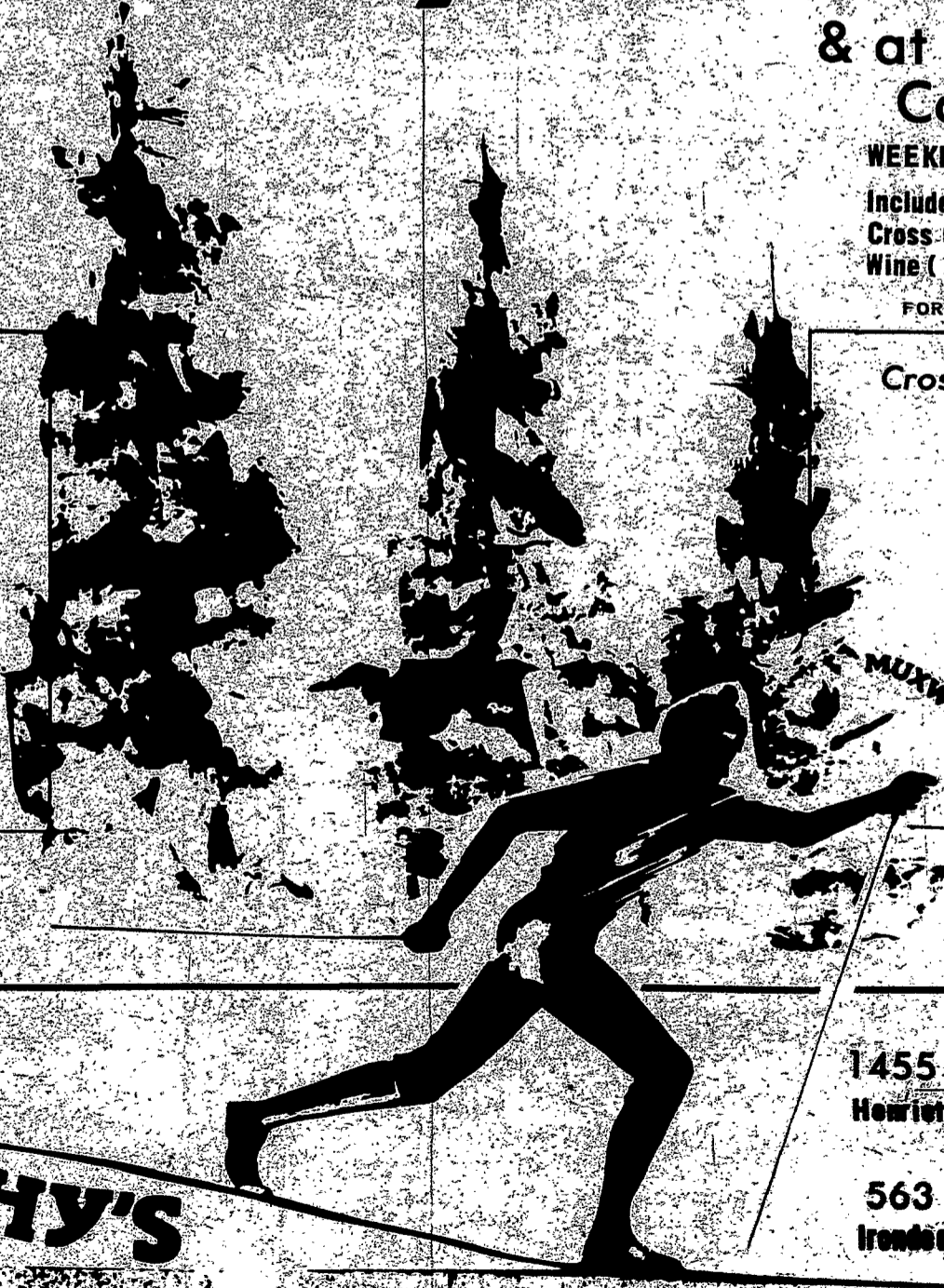
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