NEW MOVIES

'The Innocent' ...erotic porn

"The Innocent" starring Giancarlo Giannini, Laura Antonelli and Jennifer O'Neill was filmed by the famed late film director, Luchino Visconti in Lucca, Italy from the famous novel by Gabriele D'Annunzio, "The Intruder" in 1976-78.

Visconti, who had a long career as a successful film maker, died after making this film. He directed the book "The Intruder" having sensuality and eroticism playing the leading roles. The hero is a dangerous man, who adopts the theory of superman, which Mussolini later adopt for himself. It's the tale of the Italian middle-ages which was responsible for the advent of Fascism and tells of the disintegration of a family and also the breaking up of a certain part of society and a certain Italy.

Critics have described "The Innocent" which is filmed in Italian with English subtitles as being "An sensual epic of a diabolical marriage. An erotic ideal."

Erotic in this case includes frontal nudity and almost explicit sex scenes which are alright when talking about high-born world people. The same scenes would be pornographic if the persons featured were whores or harlots without sanction of the church.

The entire setting for the film is exquisite from the exteriors shot in two of Italy's grand villas to interiors shot in famous reception rooms and in the villa built by Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy for his mistress.

The costumes, men and women's are so elegantly fashioned in such splendid colors and fabrics, they are almost in 1970s style.

The story by contrast is about an ugly-macho man, Tullio takes a mistress right after marrying his beautiful wife and while obsessed with his wife's beauty neglects her for his mistress.

Mad with jealousy

When he finds the wife has consoled herself with another man is having a child, he goes mad with jealousy.

He urges his wife to have an abortion and when that fails he kills the child.

Giannini is excellent as the faithless husband, atheist and libertine. Laura Antonelli is exquisite as the put-upon wife and Jennifer O'Neill won an Italian Oscar for her role as the mistress.

"The Innocent" will absorb you and repell you all at the same time. In the end you'll wonder who is "The Innocent." The husband, ...the wife or the mistress.

'Ravagers'

What would happen if a global catastrophe were to disrupt the normal course of events on this planet? Would those of us who survived be ready to face the aftermath — a nightmare of a society in which there is no law and no order?

"Ravagers" is such a thought-provoking cinematic conjecture. A haunting drama of survival, the adventure tale shows the shocking conditions of human existance on a decimated planet that is terrorized by bands of roving marauders, called Ravagers.

Starring Richard Harris, Academy Award-winner Ernest Borgine, Ann Turkel, and Oscar-winner Art Carney, "Ravagers" is a Cinecorp Production for Columbia Pictures release.

Richard Compton directed the screen story and screenplay written by Donald S. Sanford, based on the novel, "Path to Savagery," by Robert Edmond Alter. Woody Strode, Anthony James, Alana Hamilton, and Seymour Cassel co-star.

Pivotal to the story is Richard Harris as Falk, a good, sensitive man who has carefully etched out a basic existence for himself and his woman. His world is suddenly destroyed one day when Ravagers — roaming bands of amoral scaveners who take sadistic pleasure in rape, murder, and mayhem — break into his shelter and mercilessly murder his woman, which provokes the otherwise peaceful man to plot a passionate revenge.

Is this a scene in our future?

Law Brothers Broadcasters to printers

Charles C. Law, left, 29, and his brother, Louis E., 28, chat outside new Minuteman Press shop they opened recently.

Charles C. Law, 29, and his brother, Louis E. Law, 28, are proprietors of the new Minuteman Press shop, which is now open at 5022 York Rd., in northeast Baltimore.

In a statement announcing they have acquired the franchise for this nationally known printing process which specializes in one-day service, the brothers issued the following statement:

"We see this new business as a continuation of service to our Baltimore community, which was provided by our parents before us. We feel this is carrying out their commitment to our hometown and we plan to operate on a high scale to provide proof that young blacks can get into the mainstream and receive the support of their community."

The Law brothers are the sons of the late Charles Law, longtime Baltimore mortician and civic leader, and his wife, the late Mary Elizabeth Law, Morgan professor who conducted the business after his death in 1970. She died in 1975.

Both of the new businessmen are products of Baltimore area schools who have specialized in communication since graduation from college. Charles earned his B.A., in arts and communication at Fisk University. Louis's degree is in speech arts from American University. Both are skilled as photographers.

Charles has utilized this skill as film editor for network affiliated television stations, including WJZ in Baltimore, where he was news film photographer; and WBAL-TV, where he served as technical advisor; and WMPB in Owings Mills, where he was stage manager. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Joseph L.H. Smith Lodge of Prince Hall Masons.

Louis, presently on staff with Mutual Black Network in Washington, has been a radio journalist for WCAU in Philadelphia; and WMAL in Washington.

He has received special citations for his reporting from the Lancaster, Pa., Business Association, and from the Philadelphia General Hospital for his special assignment reporting on emergency hospital care.

He is a member of the National Association of Broadcasters, the Association of Black Journalists, and the American Association of Radio and Television Artists.

'Hanover Street'

American pilot Ford and English nurse Down make love in spite of bombs.

By Ida Peters

Only Hollywood could dream up the World War II love story ... "Hanover Street" based on two people who meet by accident during the Nazi bombing of London.

The press book says "Love hasn't been like this since 1943." Frankly, love wasn't like that in 1943 either and only those war babies, born in 1943 or those movie goers in the 19-35 year age group, who weren't born yet, will swallow this tale.

History tells us that 1943 was four years after Great Britain declared war on Germany and Nazi bombing of Britain started in 1940. The Allied Invasion of France was not until Aug. 1944.

"Hanover Street" gives World War II plenty of Hollywood gloss so concentrate on the love story between elegant Lesley-Anne Down, and the heroic American fighter pilot, Harrison Ford.

Ford has a lot going for him from his role as Hans Solo in "Star Wars." Lesley-Anne Down played the aristocratic Georgina in "Upstairs, Downstairs."

In "Hanover Street" she's married, has a beautiful home, adorable child and a rich, stuffy husband, played by Christopher Plummer.

These three manage to breath life into a tired love story. The lovers meet during an air-raid in Hanover Street, fall in love over tea and end up in a country inn getting it all on.

Meanwhile, hubby senses he's losing his wife's love and volunteers for a dangerous mission into Nazi-occupied France and who should turn up as the pilot but his wife's lover. Unknown to each other they stumble along thru some harrowing experiences with the Nazis and get to like each other.

At the end, the dashing, elegant, honest young American pilot bids his tearful English sweetheart goodbye, leaving her to care for her injured, now hopeless husband.

This Peter Hyams film for Columbia is a good time-passer... a get out of the rain, get out of the sun type to make you forget the gas shortage, rising prices and other inconveniences of the 1970s.

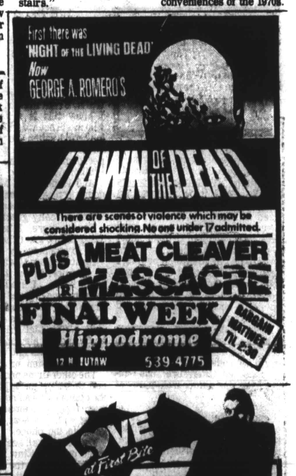
Fingers new educational tool

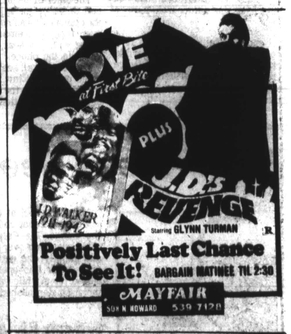
By Ida Peters

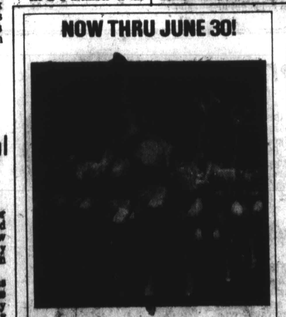
For years, my poker playing buddied and pinochle boon-coons know that counting on my fingers and toes has been my way of life.

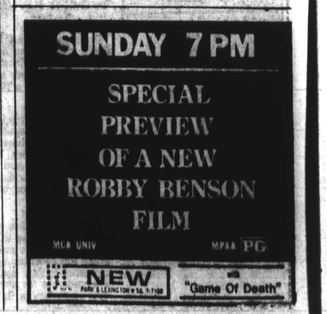
Somehow or other, was able to arrive at the correct answers this way faster than my cinsemates and most times faster than my score-keeping genius friends using calculators and sundry other new methods. At least my check book always balanced which is more than I can say for a lot of people I know.

Now comes word from Philadelphia that teachers are using Chisanbop in teaching Math to elementary school children. The word means finger calculation method and was developed ... years ago









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Events for Children

Mond., June 11

"Super Readers in a Super City" is the theme of the children's summer reading game which begins in Baltimore's Pratt libraries in June. As children read books, they will mark their progress on a map containing eight Baltimore landmarks, each with clues to a mystery and messages about activities to carry out. Children's librarians in Pratt branches will gladly supply further details.

Pimlico Branch: Films — "Blueberries for Sal" and "Wilbur's Story," 10:30 a.m.

Canton Center: Film — "The Fur Coat Club," 4 p.m.

Tues., June 12

Reisterstown Road Branch: Films — "Dragon Stew" and "The Doughnuts," 3:30 p.m.

Patti LaBelle at Painters Mill this weekend.

Films

Dale Evans' father is framed for a payroll robbery and Roy Rogers and Trigger come to his rescue in a riverboat saga, "The Yellow Rose of Texas," which may be seen at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at Pratt's Kirk Avenue Center, 909 East 22nd Street.

The schedule of black-and-white silents for these summer evening entertainments is as follows:

June 7 — "The Cat and the Canary" (1927) 80 minutes A classic thriller about a will read at midnight and an eerie house with, of course, a maniac lurking behind the secret panels. 7 p.m. Central Library.

June 14 — "Intolerance" (1916) 159 minutes D. W. Griffith's epic about intolerance and love's struggle through the ages in four parallel stories.

June 21 — "The General (1927) 77 minutes Central Library, 7 p.m. Buster Keaton shares the spotlight with a locomotive, "The General," in this gag-loaded Civil War comedy-adventure. Central Library, 7p.m.

Sunny Sunday

Sunny Sundays continues at the Inner Harbor this week with a Performing Arts Sunday on June 10 from noon to 5 p.m.

The west shore stage will be filled with entertainment throughout the afternoon, while strolling musicians from the Musicians Association of Metropolitan Baltimore serenade those browsing among the arts and crafts displays along the shoreline.

The on-stage activity begins at noon with the Original Bananas' performance of "Donna Doobee's Niceness Spray," a children's play about a scientist who discovers a cure for hatred, violence and meanness. The Bananas return to the Harbor after charming their audiences at last year's Little People's Program.

Tuesday concerts

Salute to American Music, the popular Inner Harbor concert series, continues this week with the First U.S. Army Band at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12.

The Stage Band will present a concert of Broadway hits, swing and progressive jazz.

As the official band of the First U.S. Army Headquarters at Fort Meade, the unit provides music at Army parades and ceremonies throughout twenty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They also perform at community events and at high schools and colleges throughout the area.

The Invaders

The Invaders, a local band will perform in War Memorial Plaza on Monday, June 11. The performance, slated to begin at noon will consist of reggae and calypso music.

Hope Barbalace will be seen in the role of Queenie in the Cockpit-in-Court production of Jerome Kern's musical "Showboat" opening June 15 at Essex Community College thru June 24. F. Scott Black is director.

What's Happening

The Maryland Ballet will host master dance classes on June 14, 1979, conducted by cast members of the PulitzerPrize-winning musical, "A Chorus Line," being presented at the Morris A. Mechanic Theatre for a month-long engagement, June 5 through June 30.

Three ninety-minute classes will be held, the first beginning at 11:30 a.m., with Catherine Cooper exploring advanced ballet technique. The second class, taught by Marti Ramnm, a dance captain of "A Chorus Line," will cover Broadway Jazz and begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Tony Prarise, who portrays Roy in the show will teach a class 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Applicants must have a minimum of three years training in ballet for the 11:30 class and those interested in the two afternoon classes must be currently studying Tap or Jazz.

The Master Classes have been arranged through the producers of "A Chorus Line," the N.Y. Shakespeare Festival and The Maryland Ballet.

Interested participants may reserve space by calling The Maryland Ballet at 366-5800.

A command performance of "Friends of Beaterix Potter" will be presented by the Harford Concert Ballet, Junior Company, on Sunday, June 10, 2:00 p.m., at the Cloisters Children's Museum, Brooklandville, Md.

Under the direction of Anna Shaffer, The Three Little Kittens, Flight Band, Peter Rabbit and others will [illegible] for the museum visitor during the 30 minute ballet.

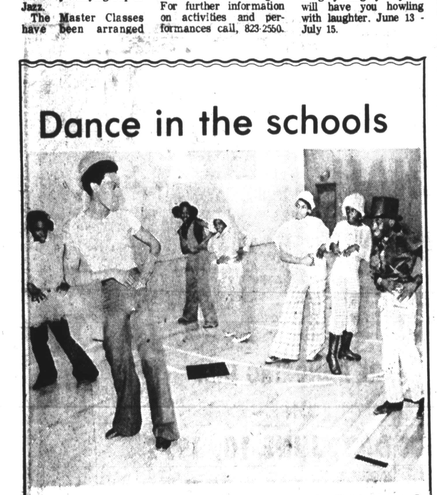
Featured every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Cloisters are continuous activities for children of all ages. For further information on activities and performances call, 823-2550.

The Walters Art Gallery Film Festival "Hitchcock and Truffaut" features "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1934) at 8:45 p.m. June 14.

The second in a series of four summer evening concerts at the Walters Art Gallery will be held at 8 p.m. Monday (June 11) in the gallery's Graham Auditorium on Centre Street will be given by the walters Chamber Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra, directed by violinist Robert Gerle, prfoessor of music and chairman of the Instrumental Program at UMBC.

Bolton Hill bright, flashy, bold, and brassy - "Burlesque is Back" will have something old, something new, something borrowed and something almost blue. Baggy pants comics, beautiful chorus girls, songs, dances, and naughty-naughty jokes will have you howling with laughter. June 13 - July 15.

Dance in the schools



Audrey Terry in a dance improvisation as part of the Cultural Arts Institute of the College of Notre Dame program in the schools. (See Showtime).

Children at Baer School enjoy performance.

TV Watching

'The Shooting of Big Man'

ABC News presents televisions's first examination of an entire criminal case — from the first meetings between a defendant and his lawyers to the jury verdict's and takes a revealing post-trial look at the defendant — in an extraordinary and penetrating two-hour documentary, "ABC News Closeup — The Shooting of Big Man: Anatomy of a Criminal Case," airing Friday, June 8. This unique program explores many aspects of what might be called a "typical criminal case" — among them, the role that strategy, cunning and winning play in [illegible] to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Jack Jones — the defendant in the case, The State of Washington Vs. Jack Jones — was 51 at the time, black and unemployed, and said he shot Raymond "Big Man" Collins in self-defense.

Jones is pictured here, in jail following his arrest top in the Seattle courtroom with public defender and David Allen.

A variety of the nation's most heralded collegiate athletes will be featured on "Track and Field, Gymnastics, Volleyball: The NCAA Champions," a two-hour special to be aired Saturday, June (3:00-5:00 p.m., EDT).

The 1979 NCAA Track and Field Championships from the University of Illinois, the gymnastics finals from Louisiana State University and the volleyball title match from UCLA will be presented during this second annual NCAA special which will be hosted by ABC Sportscaster Keith Jackson.

A tight race for the collegiate track and field crown is expected between the University of Oregon, winner of the PAC-10 championship, and the University of Texas at El Paso. UCLA, a surprise challenger for the team title last year (the Bruins tied UTEP for second place behind USC), should again be in the running along with such other outside hopefuls as USC, Villanova, Houston and Washington.

Highlighting the individual action will be Maryland's Renaldo Nehemiah, 20-year-old sophomore from Scotch Plains, N.J., who owns five world marks, including a pending world record of 13.00 in the 110 meter high hurdles set recently. Nehemiah will be featured "Up Close and Personal" during a segment of this two-hour special.

Comedian Bill Cosby will be guest host on NBC-TV's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson," Mon. June 11 (11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. NYT).

More School? What do kids do when they are not in school or at home watching TV? Some 60 million of them are involved in a number of extracurricular activities sponsored by organizations that are staffed largely by volunteers. This network of Sunday schools, day care centers, and programs offered by scouts, YMCA's, 4-H clubs, city parks, and civic groups has been dubbed "The Other School System."

A 12-week series, "The Other School System," designed to train the nearly 12 million volunteer and non-professional group leaders and teachers premieres Sunday, June 10 at 12 noon on stations of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting — TV 22, 28, 31, and 67.

Support for Black Music Month

Washington, D.C. — The Kennedy Center's "National Commission on Blacks in the Performing Arts" supports President Carter's recent Presidential proclamation designating June as Black Music Month.

Dr. Archie L. Buffkins

According to Dr. Archie L. Buffkins, President of the Commission, "This Presidential proclamation legitimizes black music at the national cultural public policy level, thereby giving national visibility to the problems and prospects of the qualitative survival of black music and its importance within the American music scene."

Garrison at the PLAZA

The Garrison Junior High School Band and Modern Dance Group will conduct a free concert in War Memorial Plaza on Tuesday, June 12. The band, under the direction of Wendell Hairston plays popular music; the dance group, organized by Ms. Delinda Dorsey, performs African folk and modern dances.

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