

Critics who suggested that Matlin received the 1986 Academy Award for best actress out of sympathy for her disability weren't paying attention when they saw this film.



Marlee Matlin won an Oscar for her screen debut, "Children of a Lesser God."



William Hurt stars as an unorthodox teacher of the deaf in "Children of a Lesser God."

'Lesser God' a solid drama

With renewed interest in the Beatles seeming to peak this fall, it's good marketing sense to issue "Yellow Submarine" on cassette. Lately the three remaining members are raising their graying heads to higher public profiles. George Harrison and Ringo Starr reprised a couple of Beatles tunes during the Prince's Trust concert, televised on U.S. cable. Rolling Stone magazine this month devoted a cover to Harrison and included interviews with him and Paul McCartney in its anniversary issue. It almost serves as free advertising for the animated film's cassette release. Return to the days of your youth, hardcore fans asked "what's next?" instead of will there even be a reunion?

The saga of the Fab Four battling the Blue Meanies for the return of color and music to Pepperland is packed with enough puns, non-sequiturs and fanciful animation to keep viewers smiling. Hearing such songs as "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," "When I'm 64," "Yellow Submarine" and the ridiculously sunny "Octopus Garden" crowned by Ringo will have just about everyone singing along.

second runs Louise Okrutsky

Boomers will wallow in nostalgia. Nostalgia wallowing threatens to overtake jogging as a major Boomer pastime.

It isn't the best of the films involving the Beatles. The 1968 production does tend to show its age a bit, but it remains a sight better than most rock movies or for that matter, a lot of current flashy trash on MTV. Recommended for anyone — even if they can't remember wearing wire rimmed glasses and bell-bottomed jeans.

"CHILDREN OF A Lesser God" has been out for a while, but it's set for a cable run in November. The story of a young, embittered deaf woman (Marlee Matlin) who's pushed into the outside world by a teacher (William Hurt) carried a lot of potential for deteriorating into an exercise in sentimental schlock.

Outlying Areas - a continuing story

by Ray Kosarin



'Skippies' join the big spenders

AP — A generation of affluent offspring following in the footsteps of Yuppies has picked up a tag line of their own — "Skippies." School Kids with Income and Purchasing Power are an estimated 24 million strong — teenagers who are becoming one of the nation's most powerful consumer forces by spending an average \$51.20 a week each. Mostly, they spend on themselves. And spending among young people is up despite a teenage population that has decreased in numbers by 12 percent in the past 20 years and is expected to continue to decline through 1992.

"Teen-agers have always been interested in clothing but what's different about today's teens is they have tremendous buying power and influence," said Diane Feen, children's fashion editor for the Tube Report, a fashion industry journal.

ALEX KEATON, the money-hungry character played by Michael J. Fox on the television show "Family Ties," is not a far-off portrayal of today's teen, said Peter Zullo, vice president of Teenage Research Unlimited, a Lake Forest, Ill., marketing firm that studies teen buying habits for major corporations.

"In fact, he's pretty typical," Zullo said. "The teens of the 1980s are more capitalistic, more goal-oriented and more interested in money than teens of other eras." Where ads in teenage magazines, such as Seventeen, used to be mostly for makeup and perfume, General Foods and Coca-Cola now can be found as well. Zullo said.

Research shows that even a year-old future Skippies have brand preferences, such as choosing "Pasta Meals" over the more common fare. By the time they're teenagers, Zullo said they are "extremely loyal customers."

While half of all teenagers still get spending money from their parents, teenagers are doing more part-time jobs to assist their independence and earn money to use at the mall. More than 40 percent of all teenagers work at least part time, and 11 percent work 40 hours a week while going to school. Eight of every 10 spend most, if not all, of their wages. "As a buying segment, teens are more important than ever before for a wide variety of industries," Zullo said. They're becoming even sophisticated consumers, making major brand decisions at an earlier age.

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