

Entertainment Outlook

Alex prepares to go it alone in the Big Apple

After seven years as a hit TV series, Family Ties is being relegated to the world of syn-



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icated reruns.

The last new episode of the situation comedy airs in mid-May, when the series culminates in a one-hour special.

Alex P. Keaton (Canadian Michael J. Fox) wins a coveted job with a New York stock brokerage firm and prepares to leave home. Each member of the Keaton family tries to cope with the emotion that severing family ties brings.

Fox, a little-known actor when the series made its debut on Sept. 28, 1982, has become a major star. A number of his movies, including Back to the Future and Teen Wolf, became big box-office hits.

BOOK

The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates by Susan Shreve. Grs. 4-6
This is the story of Joshua who was held back in the third grade and of the teacher who knew it was unfair and did something about it.

CTV has the final episode tentatively scheduled for May 14.

Paul Quarrington is the offspring of two psychologists, which, he says, explains his odd way of looking at things.

You can substitute the word "humorous" for "odd."

The Toronto native won the Stephen Leacock Award for Humor last year for King Leary, a tale about a former hockey star who, from his nursing home bed, reflects on his life.

Most of Quarrington's books have had something to do with sports. But now, he is turning to the world of rock n' roll and worn-out popstars.

Whale Music (Doubleday), to be released May 13, centres on a musician who only talks to himself

and bona fide hallucinations.

He barricades himself in his ocean-side home and writes music for whales.

Quarrington, who is a musician as well as a playwright and novelist, has created yet another unique character in Des Howell, a jaded, former rock superstar whose version of what music should be like today is different from that of record company executives.

CTV wants you to park your bicycle long enough to try a little test.

The National Bicycle Test (which airs May 9) is a half-hour special aimed at making the roads a little safer for both cyclists and motorists.

As well as a series of questions to test your knowledge of traffic safe-

ty rules, the special features stunts that graphically illustrate the consequences of failing to abide by the rules of the road.

Among the major movies being released on video this month are two that are based on real-life drama.

Sigourney Weaver portrays anthropologist Dian Fossey in *Gorillas In The Mist*, a riveting

story about Fossey's passionate battle to save gorillas from poachers.

Jeff Bridges has the title role in *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, a tale about Preston Thomas Tucker's dream of building and marketing a revolutionary new car in the 1940s. Tucker's vision collides with reality when he has to take on the Big Three automakers.

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