

service to its 80,000-subscriber operation in Naples, Fla.

Gearing up

Suburban Cablevision has placed a \$5-million equipment order with Scientific-Atlanta for rebuilding the MSO's East Orange, N.J., system. The Maclean-Hunter subsidiary plans to begin rebuilding the 1,600-mile system with a 550 mhz, 78-channel system next year. The S-A order includes feed-forward trunk stations, parallel hybrid bridgers and parallel hybrid and push/pull line extenders.

Funny money

HBO has added more stars for its *Comic Relief '87* lineup, which will be carried live from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (NYT) on Saturday, Nov. 14, from the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles. Last year's program spurred a fund-raising effort that has produced \$2.6 million for the homeless. Joining Robin Williams on the special will be Billy Crystal, Steven Wright, Harry Anderson, Bob Goldthwait, Paul Reiser, Louie Anderson, Roseanne Barr, Peter Cook, Joe Flaherty, Estelle Getty, Dick Gregory, Andrea Martin, Rue McClanahan, Dudley Moore, Catherine O'Hara, Penn & Teller, Paul Rodriguez, Marsha Warfield and Betty White.

HBO said the special will be unscrambled on cable for systems that carry HBO so that all basic subscribers can receive it.

HBO also announced the winners of its Writer's Award, established to honor playwrights selected in competition by the Na-

tional Playwrights Conference. HBO has contributed \$180,000 over the past three years to the conference which was set up to expand opportunities for playwrights. The winners were Richard Dresser, for his screenplay, "Amnesia," and Howard Korder, for his play, "Nobody."

Stock hop

The board of CVN Companies, parent company of the Cable Value Network, has authorized the purchase of up to one million shares of the company's stock. The announcement was made on Friday, Oct. 16. The stock closed that day at 13%. On Monday, Oct. 19, when the Dow Jones industrial average dropped over 500 points, CVN closed at 12.

Denver addition

Netlink USA has added another Denver independent television station, KWGN-TV, to its TVRO package offered to the backyard earth station market. KWGN-TV joins the existing Denver Netlink lineup of KUSA-TV, KMGH-TV, KCNC-TV, KRMA-TV and KDVR(TV). KWGN will be available over Satcom I.

Time to move

EPG Prevue, a program and promotion service from United Video, is moving from transponder 2 to transponder 8 on Satcom IV on Nov. 1. The all-text service will continue on the subcarrier of United Video's feed of WGN-TV Chicago on Galaxy I.



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Welcome. North Coast Cable held an open house in conjunction with beginning construction of its cable system in Cleveland. Present were North Coast Cable executives Lee C. Howley, president; Cheryl Wills, chairman, and John Ridall, vice president and general manager. The 60-channel system is being built by Ohio Bell and will be managed by Viacom Cable. First subscribers are expected by year's end.