

As I See It

When is a Bear Like a Kangaroo?

By **PAT COSTA**
It is no secret that once television thinks it has a successful formula, the carbon copies come fast and furious. Sunday night in consecutive order, three different adventure stories beamed to the small fry proved that the "in" hero works for the government as a ranger and no matter how smart he may be, his animal co-star has the edge on him.

The first of the three half-hour episodes, all on Channel 10, centered around "Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo."

In this case, Skippy saved the ranger from death by snake bite when he carried a message by pouch to alert authorities for the need for serum.

No sooner had Skippy been smothered by kisses from a small friend, than the dean of all TV animal shows, Lassie, appeared.

Lassie, as usual, also did the heroine bit. There was a snake involved here too, a

two-legged kind who threw old crankcase oil into a mountain stream.

When the oil-covered feathers of a small duckling, making it unable to swim, Friend Lassie jumped in and brought the creature to shore. Lassie's ranger master appears, gives her sermon about water pollution and reforms the culprit on the spot. End of story.

Third episode: Gentle Ben, a bear, provided the surprise ending to the 90 minutes of children's are. Instead of saving young Mark from drowning as he seemed want to do at one point in the script, Ben becomes the lovable villain instead.

He boards a postal boat in search of some candied fruit. When the boat drifts away, Ben becomes the object of an intensive search. Young Mark finds the boat, rescues the mail sack and vindicates Ben instead.

Neither is likely to show up in any of the three aforementioned shows. No women at all are seen on either Skippy's or Lassie's shows and both Brickell's wife and mother is the sole female on "Gentle Ben."

The one plus factor in all three shows is a wealth of gorgeous scenery. To take full advantage of it, the viewer

should presumably have a color set. Since we don't, I can only guess that the light streaming down through the trees onto the forest floor is inspiring, the Koala bear is huggable and the flowers of unbelievably lovely hues.

CBS, if guilty year in and year out of the above kind of fare for children, redeems itself in part with its Children's Film Festival each year. Hosted by Kukla, Fran and Ollie, the Festival opened Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for its third year of the best of foreign films for kids.

We watched the opening movie about a carousel horse which came to life. Made in France, it was dialogue-less but for one sentence at the end. Like so much of the music that accompanies these particular films, the lulling background was charming.

The series will continue Sundays until April 6.

Can't win them all, Old Bear.

As a parent of two already attuned to the television set, I'd protest such redundant trips except I've noticed the kids don't really pay much attention to what's going on.

Every time one of the animals appears, the baby looks up and yells "Daggie" (his word for all four-footed creatures) and the 4-year-old pays strict attention to the goings on only when human infants are featured or a female appears in a bridal gown.

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Art Gallery Lists Music, Lecture

Chamber music by Mozart and Brahms will be presented at the Gallery Concert by Eastman School of Music faculty and student performers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Memorial Art Gallery. There is no admission charge.

Continuing exhibitions include the "Living Landmarks" show of photographic studies of historic Rochester architecture prepared by The Landmark Society; and "And This Little Piggy Went to Market," a special children's exhibition of paintings, small-scale sculpture and decorative art objects illustrating what went on in the marketplaces of the world from ancient Egypt to 19th century America. Drawings and wire sculpture of pigs by Rochester artist David Majchrzak accompany the show.

Rodney S. Young, chairman of the department of classical archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak at a meeting of the Rochester Archaeological Society at 8:15 Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the gallery. Young will present "Gordion on the Royal Road," a discussion of an ancient city of the Persian Empire. Since 1960 he has been field director of excavations at the site conducted by the University of Pennsylvania.



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NCOMP Revises Rating System

New York — (RNS) — In a major shift of emphasis, the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures has expanded its efforts in the area of critical reviews and downgraded its traditional rating classification system.

Listing the rating system as "a negative rule of thumb," the NCOMP said it was imperative that some comprehensive source of critical information also be available to the public.

The Catholic film office will attempt to fill this need with the bi-weekly publication of a revised form of its Catholic Film Newsletter. The four-page review, issued on the 15th and 30th of each month, will publish extended critical reviews of significant films and will carry capsule comments on all other motion pictures entering national release.

Father Patrick J. Sullivan, S.J., NCOMP director, said, "This in-depth treatment of films will enable the adult filmgoer to make more discriminating decisions regarding his own entertainment and will help parents and teachers guide the development of young people's taste and sensitivity in this vital

Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Catholic Office of Motion Pictures:

With the Catholic Office ratings, we include the ratings of the Motion Picture Association: G, general; M, mature audiences; R, restricted (persons under 16 admitted only when accompanied by parents or adult guardian); X, persons under 16 not admitted.

- Paramount — "Riot" (No Rating). R.
- Regent — "The Sergeant" (Adults). R.
- Cinema — "The Subject Was Roses" (Adults). G.
- Waring — "The Outdoorsman" (No Rating).
- Monroe — "Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents).
- Riviera — "Star!" (Adults and Adolescents).
- Studio 2 — "Bonnie and Clyde" (Adults, with reservations).
- Lewy's — "Candy" (Condemned). R.
- Stoneridge — "The Night They Raided Minsky's" (Objectionable). M.
- Panorama — "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Adults and Adolescents). G.
- Towee — "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (General). G.
- Stutson — "Finian's Rainbow" (General). G.
- Fine Arts — "Yellow Submarine" (General). G.
- Lyell — "The Outdoorsman" (No Rating).
- Little — "The Fixer" (Adults). M.



Keeping It All in the Family

Entertainer Danny Thomas, who has received many Catholic honors and awards for his contributions to charity and to family entertainment, was awarded the role of a Catholic priest in a genuine family episode on "That Girl," an ABC-TV show which stars his daughter Marlo, right.

Thomas' other daughter, Terre, left, played a nun in the episode, and his son, Tony, played the nun's brother.

Founder of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and described by Catholic University as "an unembarrassed sentimental with a compulsion to preach sermons," Thomas was given only one line to deliver in his "cameo" appearance on "That Girl."

The scene was in a parochial school, where Mario accidentally bumps into him and says, "Excuse me, Father," to which he responds, "That's all right, my child." (Catholic Press Features)

TV Movie Ratings

Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally unobjectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally unobjectionable for adults; A-4: morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemnable; No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency); N.R. Before A-S classification was established, A-3 indicated morally unobjectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Time	Channel	Movie	Rating
4:00 p.m.	8	Last Days of Dolwyn	Not Listed
9:00 p.m.	10	Some Came Running	B
11:30 p.m.	13	Gidget Goes Hawaiian	A-2
12:00 a.m.	10	Wrong Arm of the Law	A-3
Saturday, Feb. 1			
2:00 p.m.	13	Jungle Man-Eaters	A-1
9:00 p.m.	8	Gunfight in Abilene	A-2
11:05 p.m.	10	Code Two	A-1
11:15 p.m.	13	Two Rode Together	A-2
11:20 p.m.	8	Treasure of the Golden Condor	Not Listed
Sunday, Feb. 2			
5:00 p.m.	8	The Little Nuns	Not Listed
9:00 p.m.	13	Sands of the Kalahari	A-2
11:30 p.m.	10	Conflict	A-2
11:35 p.m.	13	Sweet Rosie O'Grady	A-2
Monday, Feb. 3			
4:00 p.m.	8	The Bottom of the Bottle	A-2
9:00 p.m.	8	Follow That Dream	A-1
Tuesday, Feb. 4			
4:00 p.m.	8	The Awful Truth	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	Damn Citizen	A-1
Wednesday, Feb. 5			
4:00 p.m.	8	The Plainsman	A-1
9:00 p.m.	13	The Notorious Lady	A-3
11:30 p.m.	13	He Rides Tall	B
Thursday, Feb. 6			
4:00 p.m.	8	The Great Jewel Robber	B
9:00 p.m.	10	Please Don't Eat the Daisies	A-2
11:30 p.m.	13	The Longest Hundred Miles	Not Listed

NCC Aide Foresees Rome As Possible Center of Faith

Memphis — (RNS) — Protestants and Orthodox throughout the world may in two generations look to the Roman Catholic Church as the "symbolic center of their faith," the General Board of the National Council of Churches was told here.

Dr. Robert C. Dodds, the NCC's Director for Ecumenical Affairs, said that during this period of its swift and unprecedented change, the Catholic Church is experiencing the agony of determining which portions of its ancient faith and practice are essential and which are accretion.

He warned Protestants that they should derive no satisfaction, even secretly, from the current wave of headaches in Rome.

"The Roman Catholic problem of today grows out of the enormous, rich, variegated vitality of that Church," he said. "Roman Catholics are our own brothers in the deepest sense in Christ. Crises occur only where there is life, lots of rambunctious and vigorous life.

"Polite peace or the absence of raucous debate may signal an ebbing of life. Certainly these are unworthy goals for disciples of a Lord who entered the whirlwind's eye of human conflict."

Although he returned from Rome "more appreciative of his Protestant heritage" than when he left, Dr. Dodds said "all must look hard at long term possibilities in the realm of Christian unity."

"Briefly put," he said, "it seems to me possible that, if the Roman Catholic Church is led astutely and flexibly, within two generations the vast majority of Christians around the world may find themselves recognizing Rome as the symbolic center of their faith."

The Catholic Church is taking no part in church union negotiations now in progress, he said, but when it decides to do so, "substantial changes can be expected in the agenda as we have become familiar with it in the past."

He cited the wide differences between Catholicism of the West and Catholicism of the Eastern Rite, both of which have separate codes of canon law, but which are in full communion.

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