

# Dick and Jane beat the system

George Segal plays Dick. Dick is a good boy. Jane Fonda plays Jane. Jane is a pretty girl. And "Fun with Dick and Jane" (PG) is a hilariously funny movie.

Taking list one from the ubiquitous grade school primer with its perfect children. Dick and Jane, the movie adds some interesting chapters by speculating. "What It?" What if Dick and Jane grow up, get married, have a son named Billy, a dog named Spot and a posh house in the subtrait?" and what if Dick, an aerospace exec. loses his lucrative job during an industry recessionness the plits. The couple's assets are a section and their equity in a house with a \$77.000 montage. Their solution to their money problems is the subject of this movie.

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Dick and Jane are an attractive, upper middle class couple, but their situation cuts across class lines and produces a sparkling social comedy that treats contemporary themes.

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AFTER THE initial shock of unemployment, there is the whistling optimism. Dick's a sharp engineer; they figure he'll get another job quickly. Meanwhile, they'll economize. They switch from imported to domestic wines, and Jane drops her Book-of-the-Month Club membership.

Eventually, they face up to reality: Trying to pay essential bills with no income, keeping up appearances in front of regishors, suffering humilitation at the welfare office, finding frustration in dealing with bureaucrey, and battling the repossessors—who are rolling up their Jawn.

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AT THE OTHER extreme. Dick and Jane's pickings are bush league compared with the scale on which Dick's exemplover, a giant aircraft manufacturer, is operating. The irony of the class system of crime is one of the themse explored in this movie through laughter.

The comedy, like the social situation, has broad appeal. It is hilariously slapstick at times and snappy and writy at other times.

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How can you hate an inept gurman who has to grope at his groin fo find the gun which slipped down from his waistband? Would you censure concerned parents who get a babysitter before going out on a caper? Can you do anything but appliand which is what preview audiences have been doing) two robbers who have the chutzpah to rip off Ma Bellimptions which prompt it. When Dick and Jane face a financial crunch, they don't seriously consider altering their lifestyle, living more modestly. Giving up the affluent life, which supposedly every American aspirs to, would be tantamount to giving the grade school primer a downbeat ending. "When Dick and Jane use extreme means to support their middle-class existence. It's almost out of a sense of patrioism. After all, as Dick preclaims in the movie, the middle class is the backbone of this country and must be preserved. No wonder Vollaire defined true cornety as "the speading picture of the Follies and Fobbies of a Nation."

# **LIMPSES**

#### NEW RELEASES

THE CASSANDRA CROSSING (B). A ridiculous melodrama about a plague-ridden train, a shaky bridge and a staunch colonel who has to make "tough decisions." Big names in this big furkey.

THE ENFORCER (R). Violence and gun play in the "Dirty Harry" manner as Clint Eastwood shoots it out with a terrorist gang in San Francisco in this third film in the series.

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FREAKY FRIDAY (G). Disney movie about a mother and her teenage daughter who change roles (and bodies) for a day. Lots of fun and a little insight as each learns about the other's problems.

KING KONG (PG). The big ape is back again with his same old destructive but sensitive personality. Jessica Lange plays the love in his life. Revised version with some tongue-in-cheek dialogue.

LUMIERE (R). Jeanne Moreau wrote, acted and directed this low-key movie that takes a soft-focus look at the lives of four women friends, their careers and loves. In French with English subtitles.

NETWORK (R). Fierce satire attacking the television in-dustry and mass media generally. Top performances by Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway and William Holden in fast paced, grimly humorous film.

THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN (PG). More clowning with Inspector Clouseau (Peter Sellers) who fumbles his way to victory.

ROCKY (PG). Human warmth and exciting drama combine in this stirring film about a no-name boxer who gets a chance at a title bout. Acting accolades to entire cast and especially Stallone as Rocky.

SILVER STREAK (PG). Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor, Pa-trick McGoshan and Jill Clayburgh make tracks in this comedy-thriller about murder and mayhem on a train, and sometimes off.

A STAR IS BORN (R). Long-awaited remake with Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson as rock stars (rather than movie stars) whose careers head in different directions.

TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING (R), A thiller about terror-ists who take over a U.S. missile silo, thereby possessing the clout to hold the country at bay and demand some heavy ransom.

MOVIE RATING GUIDE

## Auditions announced

The Youth Country Music Association will hold an Audition Award Program for youth talent ages 5 through 18 on March 18-19 at the Michigan Inn in Southfield.

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Talent categories include vocal, instrumental and variety in the country must field—music folk gospel and gospel gospel for the best male and female vocalist in ages 5 through 12 and 13 through 18. An award will be presented to the most versatile entertainer, to the one who rates highest in stage presence and also for most photogenic. Groups will be awarded on a separate basis.

Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped en-velop to Country Music, 11865 Main, Roscoe, Ill. 61073.



### Ambitious tasting with best vintages

The Connoisseur's Wine Tasting has got to be the most ambitious one planned by Les Amis du Vin (The Friends of Wine), Oakland County Chapter.

Monthly tastings by the local chapter give an opportunity to sample all kinds of vintages, both imported and omestic But the Connoisseur's Tasting 1st \$22 a person) includes five treasured first growths of Premler Crus from Medoc region; also St. Emillion First Growth including Chateau Petrus, a Grand Vin Pomerol.

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some of the 100-plus enrollees away, but still about 30 couples showed up for the two-hour session.

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Dove keeps the lessons on a beginner's level, to accommodate even the novice who hasn't dance since the two-step, if that, the showed the rock-step. Dreaking it down into simple stages.

and finally Chateau Cissac 1970 Cru
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several cru classe wines.

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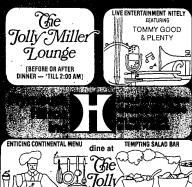


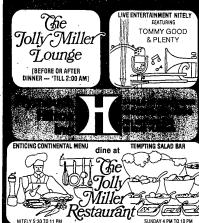
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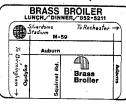
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