

# "Beachcombers" — one of the top-rated Canadian shows

by Shirley Lane  
The *Beachcombers*, that popular comedy adventure series, is now entering its third season of production, and it has been dubbed into French for showing on the French network.

*Beachcombers* presently averages between 2½ million and 3½ million viewers weekly and it's among the three top-rated Canadian productions. Yves Corbeil dubs in Bruno Gerussi's dialogue and the resulting "Sur la Côte du Pacifique"

becomes a Canadian production starring an Italian playing a Greek who speaks French. In French or English, the show is refreshing and fun, and you can catch the French version on Channel six, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Doctor at Sea**  
Lovers of British comedy may be as dismayed as I am with *Doctor At Sea*, a contived and banal (alleged) comedy that centres its canned, laughter on bottoms, bosoms and

bathrooms. CTV's entry in the Britcom lists begins tomorrow night (June 26) with *My Wife Next Door*, which replaces Karen at 7:00 p.m. The premise is built on the Bassetts, who have agreed to a trial divorce. Individually they decide to escape the hectic pace of London to enjoy a quieter life in the country. Guess what? Their country retreats turn out to be next door to one another. Rules of conduct are drawn up, inevitably the

emergencies of rural living result in hilarious consequences, or so the press release promises. See for yourself tomorrow night.

**CBC gets new sound**  
For elective homemakers, radio performs a vital function - informing, entertaining and distracting housewives from their donkey work. CBC morning radio gets a new face on June 30 with *Sunny Days*. David Parry hosts the three hour show. He's a writer-

broadcaster-copywriter-marketing consultant who has won awards for his creative work on several ad campaigns, including one for the Government of Ontario - "Is There Any Place You'd Rather Be?"

The first two hours of the daily show will be magazine format and producer Susan Farkas promises, "We will play games and contests share experiences...our purpose is to entertain, delight, surprise, inform, invoke

giggles and sometimes tears."

That's a large order, which Peter Gzowski filled nicely in *This Country in the Morning*. Michael Enright comes close. Both guys quit because of nervous exhaustion. The indomitable Judy Lamash takes over that morning stint in the fall, and in the meantime, David Parry will hold the fort with *Sunny Days*.

**Pig and Whistle**  
Devotees of the *Pig and Whistle* will be fascinated to know that the June 30th show on CTV leads off with a song called "I Can't Do My Bally Bottom Button Up". The rest of the program more or less pales by comparison - "Oh Mr. Porter", "I'm Scared 08 Mrs. McKie", "Brennan on the Moor", "McCarty's Party" and "The Song of the Clyde." P. and W. is clean jolly fun, although pub cognoscenti tell me they have yet to see an organized dance routine taking place in real English pubs.

To Venice with MacClear  
Award winning correspondent Michael MacClear travelled to Venice for *The Venetian*

Affair which you can see on CTV Thursday, June 26, from 9:30-10:00. It's a visual essay on what MacClear calls "man's obsessive and destructive love affair with the past at the expense of the present."

MacClear sees Venice as symbolising misdirected concern over conservation and the environment. Hundreds of millions of dollars and unprecedented international effort is currently expended to restore the art treasures of old Venice while the city's industrial suburbs are ignored.

Hundreds of Venetians die every year from the polluted air and MacClear finds the citizens in far greater danger than their culture, like "the passengers of the Titanic who dressed up, unaware that the ship was sinking."

**Unfunny joker**  
The effort to combine the game show format with comedy seems redundant since game shows glisten with their own particular sick humour. *Global's Jokers Wild* is dreary, unfunny and self conscious. What ever happened to Marty Feldman?



Huronia Museum display

Some of the fine glassware from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Broad in North Simcoe's Huronia Museum, located at the east end of Little Lake Park, Midland, and open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is

normally 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for secondary school students and 25 cents for elementary students or members of organized school tours. The Broad glass collection will be on display at the Huronia Museum, no charge, Open House 2-5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

at the movies

## "Reincarnation of Peter Proud" is worth seeing

by Terry Dupuis  
Reincarnation is the subject of a new movie which will be arriving soon at the Odeon Theatre in Midland. It is the film version of a best-selling novel by Max Ehrlich called "The Reincarnation of Peter Proud".

Michael Sarrazin portrays the title character, a young college teacher whose routine life is suddenly shattered by a plague of recurring nightmares and disturbing visions. He dreams of the same persons and places in dream after dream, and they are people he doesn't know and places he is sure he has never seen. The most vivid and persistent nightmare is of a man being brutally murdered at a lake late at night by a woman named Mercia.

by J. Lee Thompson is adequate though uninspired. His former directed films range from *Very Good* ("The Guns of Navarone" and "Cape Fear") to *Mediocre* ("I Aim At the Stars") to downright *Terrible* (the 1969 Western "MacKenna's Gold"). I would rate Thompson's new film as one of his better works, though not his best.

I found "The Reincarnation of Peter Proud" to be entertaining and generally interesting, rather than thoroughly engrossing and riveting, which it might have been had it been directed by a more skilled and imaginative director. Nevertheless, the movie is worth seeing since the subject matter is unusual. Reincarnation as a serious subject has seldom been tackled by the cinema; it generally crops up only in horror movies like "The Mummy" or in comedies such as "Here Comes Mr. Jordan". "The Reincarnation of Peter Proud" is hardly the final word which could be said on the subject of reincarnation, but it is one of the first serious words to be said on it in films.



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