

Recent, uncensored films moving to tube

Uncensored recent movies soon may be viewed on television by flick-freaks in the comfort of their own homes, according to Cablevision's general manger.

Tony Acone said the showcase service, available to cable subscribers for \$6.95 per month, will feature at least 12 different movies each month. The first series, to begin Feb. 26 will include *Rocky*, *Network*, *Annie Hall* and *Smokey and the Bandit*, Acone said.

The service is available only to regular Cablevision subscribers, he said. Only private homes may receive the service, he added, because copyright restrictions prohibit distribution to hotels, bars, Greek houses and other sites where there are unlimited audiences.

The offerings, which will include R-rated but no X-rated films, will not be censored, Acone said.



This may limit the service's sales, according to the vice president of Dubinsky Brothers Theaters, which operates the Stuart Theater in Lincoln.

Sarge Dubinsky said parents may hesitate to buy the service for fear unsupervised children will watch R-rated movies.

However, Acone said subscribers may rent a "parental control device" for \$15.

This simply is a lock and key which shuts out the cable channel leaving regular reception unaffected, he said.

Acone said market surveys indicated 20 to 25 percent of Cablevisor subscribers will buy the Showcase service. This amounts to 5,000 to 6,000 sales the first year, he said.

Dave Livingston, Douglas Theater vice president, predicted the new service will have little effect on Lincoln movie attendance.

"I don't think this will affect us one dime," Livingston said. "I would be surprised if they could throw out enough good movies to hurt us."

Dubinsky agreed, saying the people who will subscribe to the service are not moviegoers. He also said a comedy or dramatic movie has more impact when seen in a crowded theater.

Rivera will speak

Geraldo Rivera, the Puerto-Rican broadcast journalist whose inside view of New York City has won him national recognition, will speak at UNL Feb. 19.

Rivera, 34, will speak about social change and the media in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room at 8 p.m. Admission is free with a UNL student identification card and \$1 for others.

Rivera was host of the network program, *Good Night America*, and has been co-host of *Good Morning America*.

A 1965 graduate of the University of Arizona, Rivera attended Brooklyn Law School, the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and Columbia University School of Journalism in New York.

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