
PG Ain't What It Used To Be! Harvard Study Turns Up "Ratings Creep"

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A new study by the Harvard School of Public Health shows that movie ratings have become more lenient, and yet the violence, sex and profanity in movies have risen dramatically, over the past decade. Understanding the current rating system with its inherent "ratings creep," and knowing where to access additional information on the movie, will help parents protect their children from the worst the media has to offer, as well as enjoy the gems that await.

Video Game Ratings Should they be believed or ignored?

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US consumers spent over \$10 billion last year for video game players and video games. Many of those games were intended for teenagers and even adults, but end up in a 10-year-old's hands. How closely should parents watch the video game ratings, or the games themselves for that matter? I've interviewed experts who were divided in their opinions, but unified in their guidelines, which will help every parent who has ever wondered if their kids are playing too many, or too advanced, games.

Hidden Treasures at Your Local Library

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Local libraries are now more like an "entertainment centers," offering new release movies, an impressive CD collection and even puppets for the little ones. This article reveals these, and other "hidden treasures," by consulting the best resource in any library – the librarian!
