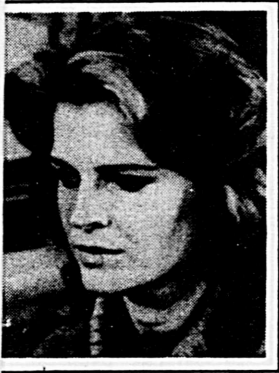


# MOVIES ON TV

by ROBERT DIMATTEO

## Bergen works well in 'Starting Over'



Candice Bergen

tures flinty, ever-agile Burt Lancaster as the general who comes out of retirement to lead the rescue. That other veteran tough guy Richard Crenna co-stars. Expect gung-ho heroics and more than a touch of jingoism.

The tricky thriller "Deadly Deception" (CBS, Aug. 4) pivots on a father's anguished hunt for his son after the boy's mother has turned up dead, a probable suicide. Matt Sal-

inger plays the dad. "Deadly Deception" is passably entertaining.

Buddy action movies seldom have the rich characters that "Midnight Run" (Showtime, Aug. 1) does. The buddies are a Mutt and Jeff pair handcuffed together on a cross-country train trip. Robert De Niro controls the handcuffs. He is a wise-guy bounty hunter hired to deliver a mobster's accountant (Charles Grodin) who jumped bail. In hot pursuit

of this unlikely duo are a rival bounty hunter, ineffectual FBI agents and two goons who work for the mobster.

De Niro and Grodin bring relief and subtlety to their roles, and the script is peppered with pungent street talk. There are really two movies here — one a standard slam-bang action flick, the other a darker, more idiosyncratic comedy thriller.

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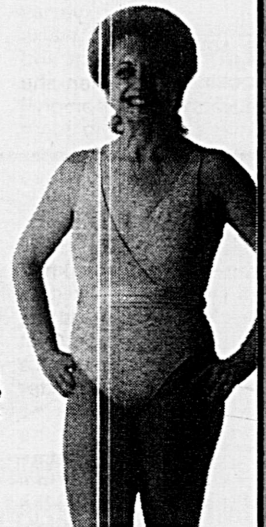


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