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Paul Newman ablaze in film's TMC debut

By Amy Schmidt

Paul Newman and Lolita Davidovich star in *Blaze*, the story of Louisiana Governor Earl Long's illicit affair with stripper Blaze Starr. The biographical comedy premieres on The Movie Channel Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Incredibly Strange Film Showcase is The Discovery Channel's off-beat look at Hollywood's most outrageous film producers and their cult classics. The series debuts Friday, Feb. 8, with *The Pope of Trash*, directed by John Waters and interviews with Sam Raimi, producer of *Darkman*, and *Night of the Living Dead's* George Romero.

Film clips of the moon taken by American astronauts will be shown in *For All Mankind*. The award-winning documentary premieres on The Discovery Channel Sunday, Feb. 7.

Actor Ben Vereen guest stars as gunfighter Isaac West on The Family Channel's *Hardcore*. The special episode heralds Black History month and airs Feb. 3.

The Best of the Tracey Ullman Show premieres on Lifetime Wednesday, Feb. 6. The hour-long "Best of" special features the comedian in one of her funniest sketches.

Jazz pianist Harry Connick Jr. is the subject of a *Vidmark* video special, debuting Thursday, Feb. 7. The hour-long Family Channel special showcases Connick's talents and features the rising star's hits of soulful music and romance.



PBS' *Frontline* investigates Fidel Castro's involvement in cocaine trafficking, Tuesday.

All-Star players promote school

By Steve Paschal

The NBA will bring its five-month-long program to combat the nation's school drop-out epidemic to a history-making conclusion Saturday when the league joins with McDonald's and three networks to present the *NBA All-Star Stay in School Jam* as part of its All-Star Game Weekend festivities, airing Saturday, Feb. 9.

The show, which will be simulcast by NBC, Nickelodeon and TNT, will feature entertainment designed to appeal to young people. It is the culmination of the league's incentive-based program that uses NBA players to urge students to stay in school. The telecast marks the first time that a broadcast network has teamed with cable to present a live simulcast special.

The "Stay in School" program began last year in Miami, the site of the 1990 NBA All-Star Game, and resulted in a 16 percent increase in perfect attendance over the same period a year earlier. This year's program in Char-

lotte, N.C., features visits of NBA players to more than 80 middle schools in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Former NBA All-Star Bob Lanier is the national chairman of the program.

The arena audience for the live special will consist of 20,000 public school students from the Charlotte area who have maintained perfect attendance through a predetermined period.



Cheryl Pollak portrays a model disfigured by attackers in *The Marie Hanson Story*, Monday on NBC.

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Hannah (Jamie Lee Curtis) and Marty (Richard Lewis) must reassess their relationship when *Anything But Love* returns in its season premiere, Wednesday on ABC.

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