

CABLE NEWS

Dine with 'Top Girls'; on the road with Paul

By Dan Rice

A&E Stage presents an unusual outing Tuesday, Nov. 3, with Caryl Churchill's award-winning play *Top Girls*. Seven actresses take on 16 roles in this story of the female head of an executive employment agency who throws a fantasy dinner party with five women from the past. The guest list includes the 13th-century courtesan Lady Nijo, Dull Gret (from Breughel's painting "Dulle Griet") and Patient



Will Bill Clinton be elected president? Tuesday's returns tell the tale on NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS and CNN.

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Griselda (from Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*).

Had enough of "Silly Love Songs"? If not, catch the television premiere of Paul McCartney's *Get Back* Sunday, Nov. 1, on The Disney Channel. The 90-minute film chronicles McCartney's 1989-90 world tour, in which he performed 101 concerts in 13 countries. His band on the run plays songs from McCartney's Beatles and solo periods.

Perennial champion Richard Petty, the "King of Stock Car Racing," rolls into retirement on Sunday afternoon with TNN's *Richard Petty: The Final Ride*. The hourlong special features behind-the-scenes footage of Petty's last season as a NASCAR driver and his 1992 Fan Appreciation Tour.

Here's an election that has the Chesire Cat grinning. Monday, Nov. 2, on The Disney Channel's *Adventures in Wonderland* series, the "What Makes Rabbit Run?" episode has the Red Queen deciding to run for office against a reluctant White Rabbit.

STAR NOTES

Fox's detective is ABC's dinosaur

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Sam McMurray has two roles on

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television that couldn't be more different. Besides being Detective Marshak on Fox's whodunit, *Likely Suspects*, he is the voice of father Earl's buddy Roy on ABC's *Dinosaurs*.

The son of Broadway actors, McMurray began his acting career on the stage. After moving his family to Los Angeles, he won a part in the film *Raising Arizona*. McMurray then distinguished himself as a regular on Fox's *The Tracey Ullman Show*. The network has kept him busy of late with a role on the short-lived sitcom *Stand By Your Man* and now the lead in *Likely Suspects*, which McMurray terms a "cromedy — half crime show and half comedy."

McMurray's says his characterization of tyrannosaurus rex Roy is "my homage to Art Carney and Jack Burns. I saw (Burns) the other day and I wanted to hide because I felt like I owed him at least a piece of my check ... but I didn't give it to him."

Roy will soon be heard on two *Dinosaurs* record albums, and may even participate in a cross-network feat of McMurray's creation.

"I was talking to one of the producers and I said, 'Dinosaurs is on at 9 o'clock and *Likely Suspects* is on a half-hour later. What we should do is cross-fertilize. Somebody gets killed on the set of *Dinosaurs*, right, and I (Marshak) come down to interview all the dinosaurs and find the murderer."

THURSDAY



Michael Gambon stars as Chief Inspector Maigret in Thursday's episode of *Mystery!* on PBS. In this installment, Maigret investigates the murder of a schoolteacher.

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