

# CABLE NEWS

# TIME OUT

## Catherine the Great a TNT miniseries

By Christy Bergshien

The legend of Russian Empress Catherine the Great is dramatized in a four-hour miniseries on TNT. *Young Catherine* features Vanessa Redgrave with Julia Ormond starring in the title role. Filmed at the royal palaces in Leningrad, the historical drama is a cinematic treat. *Young Catherine* debuts Sunday, Feb. 17, and concludes Monday, Feb. 18.

World championship boxing continues Saturday, Feb. 23, on HBO. Pernell Whitaker will attempt to pummel Poli Diaz in the unified lightweight championship fight, and Hector "Macho" Camacho defends his title against Louie Lombardi in the junior welterweight title fight.

A pair of mismatched cops are assigned to the worst section of Philadelphia's *Downtown*. Anthony Edwards plays a young rookie teamed with a force veteran, actor Forest Whitaker, in the action comedy premiering Feb. 17 on HBO.

CBS salutes Black History Month with its annual special featuring black leaders who will discuss issues confronting African Americans today. The special, hosted by writer-producer-director Tony Brown, airs Feb. 23.

Get those late-winter blues? Some *Enchanted Islands* is a special week-long event that will transport you to tropical paradises around the world — from Hawaii to the South Seas. Catch it on The Discovery Channel Feb. 17 through Feb. 21.

## Dale Earnhardt seeks Daytona 500 win

By Steve Paschal

Four-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt will be out for revenge Sunday, Feb. 17, when CBS Sports presents live coverage of the 33rd Daytona 500 from Daytona Beach, Fla.

Earnhardt, who has never won at Daytona despite an impressive list of victories, appeared to have the race won last year when his Chevrolet blew a tire just one mile from the finish line. Derricke Cope trailed by less than a mile going into the final lap and took advantage of Earnhardt's misfortune to win his first Daytona championship and claim the top prize in the \$2.2 million event.

Earnhardt and Cope are favorites in this year's field, which also includes former Winston Cup champions Terry Labonte and Rusty Wallace. Davey Allison, son of the legendary Bobby Allison, is also among the favorites after winning the Talladega 500 last year. However, the sentimental favorite will be seven-time winner Richard



Sportscaster Pat Riley calls the shots for NBC. NBA action airs Monday afternoon on the network.

Petty, who has raced in every Daytona 500 since the first one in 1959.

Following the Daytona 500, CBS Sports switches to Byrnie Meadowlands Arena in East Rutherford, N.J., where the nationally ranked Arizona Wildcats will take on the Georgia Tech Yellowjackets. Arizona is set to make a run at the national title, and Georgia Tech is picked to finish fourth in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference.

# WEDNESDAY



Nancy (Patricia Wittig) continues to battle cancer on ABC's *thirtysomething*, Tuesdays.



Columbo (Peter Falk) matches wits with an arrogant TV celebrity (guest star George Hamilton, left) in "Caution: Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health," Wednesday on ABC.