

BITS AND PIECES

Game show return to NBC; Malcolm X on CD

NBC's daytime schedule will be changing after the new year. With the demise of the soap opera *Santa Barbara* and the health/talk show *Doctor Dean*, NBC is sending in *Scrabble* and *Scattergories* to fill the midday schedule beginning Monday, Jan. 18. *Scrabble*, with host Chuck Woolery, returns after a two-year hiatus, while *Scattergories*, also adapted from a board game, debuts with Dick Clark as host.

The peacock network seems prepared to shed more old feathers in June, when a new daily talk show featuring *Entertainment Tonight* hosts Leeza Gibbons and John Tesh will take to the airwaves.

The renewed interest in Malcolm X brought about by Spike Lee's biographical film on the slain Black Muslim leader has inspired the release of *Words From the Frontlines: Excerpts From the Great Speeches of Malcolm X* by RCA. The 70-minute compact disc, available beginning Dec. 15, presents the speeches in chronological order.

Macauley Culkin stars in *The Good Son*, a Fox suspense thriller that recently began production. Wendy Crewson, David Morse, Ashley Crow and Macauley's sibling Quinn also star in the story of a boy who goes to live with relatives after his mother's death and falls under the influence of a malevolent cousin.



Chuck Woolery

Feeling malled? You're not alone: There's hardly an American who hasn't spent long hours in the consumer cocoon of a shopping mall, especially during the holidays. Get a little perspective on the many functions of the mall in *America's at the Mall*, an hourlong special airing Wednesday, Dec. 16, on PBS.

The Irish band U2, ever embracing new technology for its "Zoo TV" concert shows, has added Philips Electronics' Compact Disc-Interactive (CD-I) to its onstage gadgetry. The CD-I enables lead singer Bono to click on big-screen images of himself and messages for the concert audience.

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Who played Jack's brother?

By Steven Alan McGaw

Questions:

1. Who played Jack Nicholson's brother in 1972's *The King of Marvin Gardens*?
2. Identify the character actor who played the determined detective in 1980's *American Gigolo*.
3. Van Heflin played the disturbed bomber in 1970's *Airport*. Who portrayed his long-suffering wife?
4. Farah Fawcett played the title role in 1989's made-for-cable *Margaret Bourke-White*. Who played author Erskine Caldwell in the film?
5. Telly Savalas' *Kojak* character was first seen by audiences in what 1973 telefilm?
6. Laurence Olivier made a memorably acidic Archie Rice in 1960's *The Entertainer*. Who reprised the role in a 1975 TV remake?
7. Blues guitarist B.B. King has said he felt slighted by not being asked to participate in 1980's *The Blues Brothers*. Director John Landis made it up to him when he asked him to supply music for a 1985 comedy. Name the film.

Answers:

1. Bruce Dern.
2. Jack Lemmon.
3. The Heflin-Nicholson Murders.
4. Frederic Forrest.
5. Laurence Staphington.
6. Hector Elizondo.
7. *Into the Night*.

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