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Cases

'Young Mother-To-Be-Needs Help'

Case No.292: I have three children ages 13, 14, and 15. My oldest daughter is expecting a baby in January. We will need a lot of help with the child. Things are really rough here and I don't know how we will make it with the new baby. If you could possibly help with baby clothes and things, it will be appreciated.

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Case No.293: I am the mother of three children. I have recently lost both my son and my husband. The holidays will not be as bright around our house because of this, not to mention the fact that we do not have very much of anything. We would like you to add us to your list of people to receive a Christmas basket. Anything you can do for us will be appreciated.

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Case No.294: I have five children and I support them all with my social service check. The children are 19, 18, 12, 7 and 1 years old. We do not have too many hopes of having a good Christmas without some assistance from outside help. I am hoping that we might be able to be placed on your list to receive a Christmas basket. Anything at all that you can do for us will be greatly appreciated.

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Case No.295: We just moved into a house and right now we still do not have furniture. I really need beds for my two daughters. I have four children, ages 15, 12, 11, and 10. I support them with my social service check. After we pay rent and other bills, there is not much left. All of the children are in need of clothes. Please do whatever you can for us.

'Neighbor Needs Assistance'

Case #296: I have a neighbor who is in need of assistance with her children. They are 4, 2 and 18 months. She is on Social Service but even though she buys the cheapest of everything, she can never seem to make her check last from one month to the next. Now with Christmas just around the corner, she does not know how she will be able to provide for her young ones. Please help in any way possible.

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Case #297: I am presently incarcerated, but I am in need of your help. I have four children. They and their mother are living with their aunt and her family. It is a house full. Their mother helps with the bills by paying half of each one. They do the best they can to get by. My children will not have anything great for Christmas. They are in need of so very much. They are 7, 3, 2 and 4 months old. I am hoping that you will be able to help by giving them a few toys and by sending a food basket so that they might have a nice Christmas dinner.

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Case #298: Please help me with my two children. They are 8 and 4 years old. I am on Social Service and I can never make ends meet. All I am asking for is that you send us a food basket so that I might be able to prepare a nice meal for them for a change and please help me to be able to provide my children with some shoes. They need shoes very badly.

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Case #299: I am writing for help for me and my daughter. I am on Social Services and we receive $269.00 per month. However, the rent is $200 a month. My daughter is four years old. She is always ill. She has a large hole in her heart. Much of the money that is left over after paying rent goes to buying medicine for her. Please help us to have a nice Christmas dinner. Anything at all that you do for us will go a long way.

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'Trying Hard To Make Ends Meet'

Case #300: My name is Deborah. I have a seven year old daughter that I am raising all alone. We have our own apartment and try desperately to make ends meet each month. We do not have very much of anything but are grateful for whatever we have. We are on a fixed monthly income. It does not allow for much. I would like to provide a special holiday for my daughter but I do not know how I can accomplish it. If you will add our names to your list to receive a food basket, it would help considerably.

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Case #301: I am writing you in hopes of getting help for my daughter and her family. She has seven children, 4 boys and 3 girls. They are 14, 13, 12, 11, 8, 6 and 5 years old. She is having a lot of difficulty making ends meet. Her only source of income is a monthly Social Service Check. She has a very high gas and electric bill. The children are in need of underclothes and winter things; gloves, scarfs, sweaters. Anything that you can do for them will be a considerable help.

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Case #302: I moved here very recently with my four children from North Carolina. We are all alone. My children do not have any hopes of having a good Christmas. We don't know how things are going to be from one day to the next. I am hoping that there is something you might be able to do for us.

Case #303: I do not have any small children, but I am still in need of some assistance. I am 56 yers old and I live alone. I am hoping that you will provide me with a Christmas basket. I receive a small check from Social Services. I am unable to work because of an illness I have. Any assistance you can offer me will be appreciated.

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Case #304: I am the mother of two children. We are on Public Assistance. I am hoping that you can add some happiness to my children's Christmas by giving them at least one toy. They are 6 and 1 years old. At this time I can not see where there will be anything at all for them under the tree on Christmas morning. Any help that you can supply will be greatly appreciated by me and by the children.

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'Raising Four Children Alone'

Case #305: I am writing this letter for my four children. We live on a monthly income of $481. We pay our rent and all the other bills with this money. It does not allow for much else. The children are in need of clothes and shoes. Anything that you can spare, we can use. I have no hopes of being able to give my children a normal Christmas. Please do whatever you can for us.

#306: I have four children ages 12, 11, 8 and 3. I receive Social Services as well as food stamps monthly. Still, there are times when this is not enough, I try very hard to make this a very good home for my children. They understand that they might not always have all of their needs met but I try. They could use some clothes and shoes but I am writing primarily to ask you to provide us with a food basket so that I might fix a nice Christmas dinner for them.

Photo by Paris Gray

The Pan-Hellenic Council of Coppin State College, the organization of Greek lettered sororities and fraternities, adopted five families and provided them with Thanksgiving baskets. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Kevin Jones, Regina Clayton, Bettye Marshall, Kim Nichols, Rae-Lynn Greene, and Valer Outing. (back row) Brenda Ivory, Carl Jordon, Carla Latney, Al Staton and Darryl Greene.

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Mr. Carl Smith, Manager of Community and Government Relations for the C&P Telephone Co. presented a check for $500 to Mrs. Santa Assistant Director, Miss Elyn Garrett.

Photo by Elyn Garrett

Mr. Fred L. Bennett (left), Grand Worthy Patron and Mrs. Elaine K. Campbell (right), Grand Worthy Patron of the Myra Grand Chapter, O.E.S., present a $300 check to Mrs. Santa Secretary, Angela Alexander.

Photo by Ida Murphy Peters

The A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance presented a $1,000 check to Mrs. Santa Assistant Director, Elyn Garrett. Pictured left to right are: seated, Rev. Sara Craft, Rev. Gloria Skinner, Rev. Ann Lightner, Rev. John P. Wilson, Rev. James M. Ballard, Sr., Rev. Michael Thomas, Standing from left to right are: Rev. James Pullum, Sr., Rev. Edward Hunt, Rev. Willie Woods, Rev. Joan Wharton, Rev. John W. Duckette and Rev. John Harvin.

Mrs. Santa Request Form

Mrs. Santa wants to help you have a Merry Christmas by providing you with food and toys. If you'd like us to help, use the form below and give us your name, address, telephone number, zip code, number and ages of children, and tell us why the family needs help.

If you live in an apartment building, please be sure to state the name of the apartment or housing complex as well as the number of the apartment.

Please do not call our office and ask to be placed on the list of recipients. You must fill out this form and send it to us.

Request Form

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Address:_____

Telephone:_____

Apartment or Housing Complex:_____

No. of Children:_____

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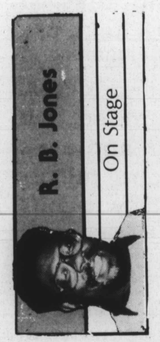

R. B. Jones On Stage

"Dangerous Corner"

With the staging of J. B. Priestly's "Dangerous Corner" the Arena Players presented their mystery in a long time although this play is not a typical whodunit.

This play is less about the perpetrator of a crime than about the deceptions and misperceptions that destroy a group of friends when they decide that they can stand to know the truth about themselves and their friends.

This play concerns a dinner party among the denizens of the publishing world. All is well until a famous author brings up a former executive of the publishing house. Soon the author is killed himself over some embezzled funds.

The mention of the deceased Martin is the catalyst for a night of revelations that change the way everyone remembers Martin.

His sister-in-law remembers him as her secret lover and grand but brief passion. Martin's brother Robert remembers him fondly. Gordon, the brother of Fredo, Robert's wife, reveals that he loved Martin more than his wife.

Stanton, a fellow executive at the firm reveals that Martin was taken from the firm. Betty, Gordon's wife reveals that she is not the innocent child she appears and that her storybook marriage to Gordon is a lie.

Tangled love relationships are revealed. Fredo loved Martin, not Robert. Robert loved Betty and Betty loved Martin, but not anyone, but had an affair with Stanton. Oliven loved Robert, but he didn't love her.

This play is a very talky one and somewhat complicated, but when the audience concentrated on what is taught of the playwright's art it was taught.

The performances were generally good although there was some unevenness in terms of accents, some seemed English while others seemed Caribbean. John McGee was Robert the catalyst's echo who brought the plot to life in the consequences and he portrayed the native arrogance that propelled Robert to bring up issues that were better left dormant.

The rest of the cast did equally well . . . Ronnie Larkins, Jacqueline Dunbar, Bayard Johnson, Curtis Kone, Lori Adair, and Debbie Washington all carried their parts competently. The show, as I said before, was talky but it was intriguing in a way.

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SOAP OPERA WEEK

Dispute over marital status of Diamont

By Kimberly Redmond

Q: Please settle a dispute I'm having with my best friend. I'm sure that Don Diamont (Brad Carlton) of "The Young and the Restless" is married to Gloria Loring (she played Liz Curtis), who recently left "Days of Our Lives." My friend says he is married. Am I? — B. C. Canton, Mo.

A: Sorry B. C., but your friend is correct. Diamont and Loring are not married. They began dating about 2 years ago and have been sharing Loring's house for about a year now.

Q: I'd like to know if comedian Billy Crystal ever played a character on "The Young and the Restless." — F. C. Jamestown, N.Y.

A: A check of past cast lists revealed that Crystal has never done a stint on "Y&R."

Q: I think Shawn Thompson, who plays Jordan Fox on "Guiding Light," is the handsomest man on daytime. Can you tell me something about him, and also give me his address? — I. C., Beaudiles, Texas.

A: Thompson began his career in his native Canada as a comedian. He came to New York City originally to audition for the cast of "Saturday Night Live," but landed his "GL" role instead. In Canada, Thompson's stand-up comedy success led to several television appearances, and regular spots on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Toronto production of "I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It On The Road" and "The Taming of the Shrew." He wrote and starred in a mystery spoof called "Mike Mallett, Private Eye." You can see Thompson on Monday, CBS-TV, 51 West 52nd St., New York, NY 10019.

Q: Is the child who portrays Victoria Newman on "The Young and the Restless" the real-life daughter of Melody Thomas Scott, who plays Nikki? — Fan Club, Nikki's Fans, Richmond, VA.

A: Although Scott's real-life daughter, Alix, is about the same age as her TV daughter, the youngster who portrays her daughter on "Y&R" is child actress Ashley Nicole Hill. **I have been waiting for a very long time over how long William Gray Espy played Snapper Foster on "The Young and the Restless." We don't agree on the time span.—K.D., West Paris, ME.**

Have a question about soap operas? Write Soap Opera, Box 602, New York, NY 10166. Questions cannot be answered personally but those of general interest will be answered in future columns).

Bob Matthews is on vacation. His column will resume when he returns.

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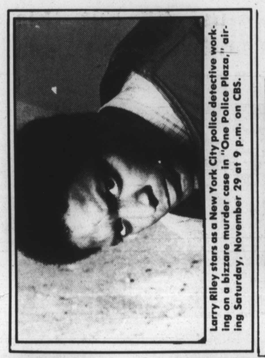

Larry Riley stars as a New York City police detective working on a bizzare murder case in "One Police Plaza," airing Saturday, November 29 at 9 p.m. on CBS.

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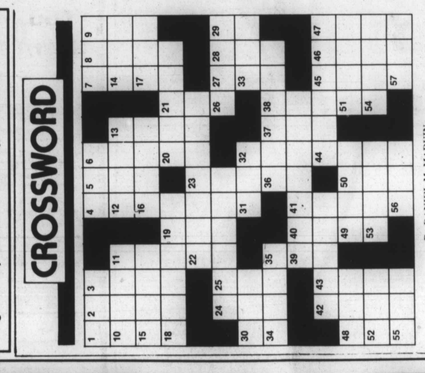

By DANIEL M. MARVIN

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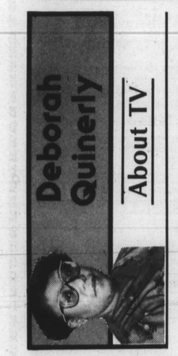

Deborah Quinerly About TV

If you're anything like me, you're still stuffed from your Thanksgiving meal, and you're sitting around, trying to catch your breath and begin gearing up for the next big holiday. While you're sitting there, reach over and turn on your television set for a bunch of specials, comedy and drama.

For starters, Channel 11 will broadcast "All Star Party for Clint Eastwood" on Sunday, November 30 at 8 p.m. Some of Hollywood's really big names for this one. We can look forward to seeing Sammy Davis, Jr. and Roberta Flack providing their usual style of grace, talent and entertainment.

Be sure to tune in to "The Barbara Walters Special," set to air on Channel 13. There, you'll hear a startling interview with the ever-controversial Richard Pryor. Lately, we've been hearing a lot from Pryor concerning his health. Does he have AIDS? Is he dying from an incurable disease? Also, for the first time, we'll see his new bride and two-year-old son, whom he has kept a secret.

As if that wouldn't be enough, there's also an interview with the talented superstar, Lionel Richie. Along with Richie will be his 93-year-old grandmother, his mother, and his wife. I know there will be some very interesting, and emotional conversations. So, don't miss this one.

For all of you Roger E. Mosley, alias T. C. fans, check out "Magnum, P.I." on Wednesday, December 3. He will be featured in a story about a young man involving the abduction of his two kids, who have come to visit him. His teenaged son is played by Alfonso Ribeiro, star of "The Top Dance Kid" and "Silver Spoons." With all of this talent, you can't pass up this one.

Robert Guillaume, outstanding singer and star of "Benson," will be one of the featured stars in a comedy remake of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens' "Christmas," which places a modern-day Scrooge in a middle-class black community in America. Set to air on Saturday, December 6 on Channel 13, this program also carries the names of Alfonso Ribeiro, Soul of Christmas Past, Ted Lange of the "Love Boat," as the Ghost of Christmas Present and Geoffrey Holder, as the Ghost of Christmas Future. How's that for a line up?

Continuing in the spirit of Christmas, you'll find the Cosby kids, Keisha Knight-Pulliam, Tempest Bledsoe, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, and Lisa Bonet, joined by Alfonso Ribeiro on "Andy Williams and the NBC Kids Sing with Santa Claus," on Sunday, December 7 at 7 p.m. on Channel 2. Their search for Santa takes them to Finland for an entertaining musical adventure.

Once again, "The Eleventh Annual Circus of the Stars" will be broadcast on Tuesday, December 9 at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 11. The busy Alfonso Ribeiro, this time up on the highwire, will be joined by Tonight Show's Ed McMahon and Dianne Warwick's son, Damon Elliott, as they perform death-defying feats. Rashad presents his information as analyst and commentator with knowledgeable skill.

And for you basketball fans, fluff up the pillows on your couch and have your favorite beverage handy. Well, with all of this entertainment lined up, that holiday meal should be well digested. Enjoy! "hoop" in the season premier of NCAA Basketball, scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m. to be broadcast live from the Capital Center in Landover. Always a contender, the Hoyas will be matched against the Arizona Wildcats.

Richard Pryor and his family are featured in "The Barbara Walters Special," airing Tuesday, December 2 on ABC.

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