## 'For Kid's Sake' special is excellent

Webster defines a prodigy as "a person, especially a child or youth, of extraordinary talent or ability; a marvel or wonder." That is the definition most of us think about when the word "prodigy" is mentioned. But tonight at 8 PM, WJZ is presenting an outstanding "For Kids' Sake" special, entitled "Great Expectations: Prodigies, Gifted Children and Your Kid," hosted by LeVar. Burton, and key words are "your kid." The major question is what can parents and teachers do to bring out the best in our own

Yes, this program does introduce the viewers to children who are considered prodigies. There are two exceptionally bright black children - one named Yvette Taylor who, at 15, is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh and Dudley Bryant of Boston who, at 14, is a budding cartoonist. But, what is most interesting about this documentary is that we are told that any child, even yours, has the possibility of becoming a prodigy. This idea is stressed throughout the program and referred to as "specialized intelligence." This is the ability or skill a child might have in one area.

What is surprising is that sports are included with this. In essence, this program offers



hope and assistance for parents child will fail. But that cannot be who wish to bring out their child's ntapped talents.

Thought-provoking questions are asked and statements are made about every aspect of a child's educational and developmental stages. Even the Students Program." roles of parents and educators are considered. One mindboggling statement made is that 20 percent of our schools' dropouts are gifted.

Another interesting point i that, many times, parents allow cultural factors to influence a child's ability to excel in other interests. The program makes a firm statement that minority parents cannot make excuses for the child, who may be failing in school or not performing up to his potential. The major excuse that since they did not do well in school and cannot help their child with school work, of course their

used as an excuse because several educational programs are mentioned for assisting potentially bright children. One, right here in the city, is The Johns Hopkins University's "Young

discussed are I.Q. tests and their roles in a child's placement within a school's curriculum. Should they be the only measurement tools used to it will never run." assess a child's abilities? Can they predict other skills that a child may possess?

"Great Expectations: Prodigies, Gifted Children and Your Kid" is an excellent reference for parents and educators. It answers many questions and explores many potential goals for asked the kinds of questions the were conceived in the shower many minority parents use is that our children. To miss this pro- viewers wanted to have and other unlikely places. gram and, possibly, ignore the answered. potentialities of your children would be, as Carol Mills of



Levar Burton hosts GREAT EXPECTATIONS, an hour-long special

Another controversial aspect Hopkin's "Young Students Pro- terview, was that she seemed gram" said, "...like having a fine dismayed with the fact that Pryor racehorse, and you bind that had settled down with a wife and horse's legs, so that it can never son. I had the distinct impression run. Its spirit will be broken, and that the stereotypes that some

Watch this program tonight on in evidence. Channel 13 at 8 p.m. Learn how to let your child "run."

Barbara Walter's recent interviews with Richard Pryor and Lionel Richie were, as I thought, handled rather well. Not being a Barbara Walters fan, I felt she how some of his greatest hits

What did tend to bother me, in

whites have of black males were

Yes, Pryor has had a very controversial life. But, as with most everyone, we sometimes grow wiser, as we grow older.

Lionel Richie's interview was enlightening, and I marveled a

Both gentlemen have, I'm sure, many more successes in store for reference to Richard Pryor's in- themselves in the future.

profiling extraordinary children.

# Runyeon of 'ATWT' sings and plays piano

By Kimberly Redmond

Q. I've been told that Frank Runyeon (Steve Andropolous) of "As the World Turns" is a concert pianist and that he sings. Why hasn't he performed on the soap?—L.F., Tampa,

A. Runyeon sang on the show during some location scenes that ly to joining "GL," Rogers had with a Bachelor of Fine Arts he filmed in Greece about three roles on "Search for Tomorrow" degree in trumpet and a minor in years ago. His songwriting and "The Doctors." He is very law. His original career aspiratalents were demonstrated when well remembered for his role as tion was to be a musician but an the show used one of his original the dastardly villain Ray Gardner injury to his lip ruined his musical songs, "Warm By My Side," as the on "All My Children" several love theme for Steve and his years ago. The actor is married wife, Besty. Currently, Steve to actress Margaret Hill. never has much to sing or be joyous about so the story line doesn't call for Frank to sing.

Q. I rarely miss an episode of "Guiding Light." I would really like to know something about Gil Rogers, the actor who plays Hawk Shayne. I'd also like to know if he was ever in the television series "Buck Rogers."-L.C., Kenner, LA.

A. Sorry L.C., you have Gil Rogers mixed up with Gil

Doctors" and played Captain William "Buck" Rogers on "Buck Rogers, though, has an im- VA. pressive list of regional theater, repertory theater and Broadway credits. His film credits include roles in "Panic in Needle Park,"

Q: I know that Jordan Clarke, who plays Billy Lewis on "Guiding Light," appeared in the soap before, but I can't character. Can you tell me who he played and how long he was on before his current role? - M. G., Falconer, N.Y.

A: Clarke appeared on "GL" from 1974-76 in the role of Dr. Tim Ryan. He rejoined the cast in 1983 in the role of Billy Lewis.

Q: I really admire the work of Guy Mack, who plays

Patrick O'Connor on "General Hospital," and I wonder if you can give me some facts about

A: Mack's "GL" role marked his joined the soap in 1985. He at-"Pretty Poison" and "W. W. and tended the University of South the Dixie Dance Kings." Previous- Florida in Tampa and graduated career. Mack then embarked on an acting career. While living in New York, Mack studied at Juilliard's Actors Studio, the American Ensemble Theater and the Roundabout Theater. When he arrived in Los Angeles in 1983, he began studying acting at the Santa Monica Playhouse. A stint as a waiter in a West Hollywood restaurant led to his being spotted by an ABC vice president of casting. A couple months later he joined "GH" as Patrick O'Connor. The actor is single, lives i Hollywood and enjoys writing music and restoring old cars. He's been involved with the American Children's Theater for several years and is affiliated with the

Santa Monica Playhouse.

(Have a question about soap operas? Write Kimberly Red-Rogers in the 25th Century." him. — N. F., Harrisonburg, mond at 200 Park Ave., Room be answered in future 602, New York, NY 10166. columns.)

Questions cannot be answered personally but those of general interest will



Paul Winfield (left) portrays a high school principal whose students, including Paul (Reggie Johnson, center), find their lives ruled by class differences when their teacher (Kale Browne) conducts an experiment that arbitrarily assigns them to three different social classes, in THE WAR BETWEEN THE CLASSES, airing Tuesday, December 16 at 4 p.m. on CBS.

TV program guide

Friday, December 12, 1986 to Thursday, December 18, 1986 WEEKDAY DAYTIME REGULARS

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 1986

	WMAR	WRC	WTTG	WJLA	WUSA	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA 20	WETA 28	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	нво
7:00	Today	Today	Insp. Gadget He-Man	Good Morning America	CBS Morning News	CBS Morning . News	Good Morning America	M.A.S.K. GoBots	MacNeil / Lehrer		Ghostbusters ThunderCats	Write Course Captain Roo	Like Dancin' Fraggle Rock
8:00			Defenders My Little Pony		"			Heathcliff Jetsons	Mister Rogers Captain Roo		Transformers Scooby Doo	Sesame Street	Movie: "Highpoint"
9:30		Hart To Hart	I Love Lucy Beaver	\$1 Mil. Chance Hollywood Sq.	Donahue	Divorce Court People's Court	People Are Talking	W.O.W.! Kid's Break	Sesame Street	Jagaerobics Anasa Briggs	Big Valley	Mister Rogers Educational	Not News
10:00	Donahue	Family Ties . Sale Of Cent.	Andy Griffith Bewitched	Superior Court People's Court	Oprah Winfrey	Pyramid Hollywood Sq.	Hour Magazine	Eye On Wash. Lav. & Shirley	Sesame Street	Mech. Univ. Computer	Falcon Crest	Programming	Movie: "If Ever I See
1 1:30	Scrabble	Wheel Fortune Scrabble	Jeannie Rhoda	The Judge Ryan's Hope	Price Is Right	Price Is Right	Love Boat	Falcon Crest	Mister Rogers Special	Society	Columbo	The Mimi What Child Is	You Again"
12:30	News Search Tom.	Password Search Tom.	Panorama	News Loving	News Young And	News Young And	News Loving	Confessions Movie:	Economics Mech. Univ.	MacNeil / Lehrer	All In Family	This? Boys Town	Movie: "Tell Me That
1:00	Days Of Our Lives	Days Of Our Lives	Love Boat	All My Children	The Restless As The World	The Restless As The World	All My- Children	"Fireball 500"	GED GED	Evening Exchange	Movie: "Anything	Educational Programming	You Love Me" Movie:
2:30	Another World	Another World	Addams Fam. Flintstones	One Life To	Turns Capitol	Turns Capitol	One Life To Live	Centurions	Wall St. Wk. New Tax Law	Nicaragua Was Our Home		We're Cooking	"Treasure Of The Four
3:00	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	SilverHawks She-Ra	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	General Hospital	Ghostbusters Smurfs	Open Mind Sesame Street	Mod. Maturity Painting	Dennis Smurfs	Sesame Street	Crowns" "Christmas
4:00	Magnum, P.I.	Dating Game- Love Conn.	G.I. Joe ThunderCats	Magnum, P.I.	Hour Magazine	Divorce Court Jeffersons	3's Company Diff. Strokes	Rangers Transformers	Sesame Street	We're Cooking Modern TV	SilverHawks She-Ra	Mister Rogers Special	That Almost Wasn't"
5:00	News	News	Gimme Break Silver Spoons	News	News	Barney Miller News	Gimme Break Taxi	Rambo Diff. Strokes	3-2-1 Contact	Veg. Soup 3-2-1 Contact	G.I. Joe Brady Bunch	Lassie Colorsounds	Movie: "Real Genius"
6:00	News NBC News	News	3's Company Too Close	News ABC News	News	News CBS News	News	Facts Of Life W. Happening	Business Rpt.	MacNeil / Lehrer	Star Trek	MacNeil / Lehrer	" "
7:00	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	NBC News Newlyweds	Taxi M*A*S*H	Jeopardy Ent. Tonight	CBS News Wheel Fortune	Newlyweds Dating Game	ABC News Evening Mag.	Jeffersons NBA	MacNeil / Lehrer	Evening Exchange	Fall Guy	Alive	Inside The NFL
8:00	A-Team	A-Team	Movie: "The Muppet	Webster Mr. Belvedere	Charlie Brown Frosty	Charlie Brown Frosty	Great Expectations	Basketball Bullets at	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Stooge Snapshots	Movie: "The Busy	Wash. Week Wall St. Wk.	Movie: "Beer"
9:00	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	Movie"	Dads Gung Ho	Dallas	Dallas	Movie: "Billion Dollar	Pistons	Great Performances	Mystery!	Body"	Wall St. Wk. New Tax Law	Not News
10:00	Crime Story	Crime Story	News	Starman	Falcon Crest	Falcon Crest	Brain"	All In Family Barney Miller	James Galway's	A.C. Clarke Nina Simone	CNN News All In Family	Great	Boxing Witherspoon
1 1:00	News Benson	News Tonight	Late Show	News Nightline	News Music Video	News Sanford	News Ent. Tonight	Redskins Benny Hill	Christmas	Business Rpt. Peter Gunn	Late Show	SCTV	vs. Tubbs
	WKRP Friday Videos	Friday Videos	WKRP Don't Let Die	Nightlife Off The Wall	Connection Dance Fever	T.J. Hooker	Nightline Off The Wall	Movie	Boys Town	Star Perf.	"Secret Ceremony"	The Avengers	Movie: "Hot Resort"

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 1986

	WMAR	WRC	WTTG	WJLA	WUSA	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA 20	WETA	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	нво
7:00	Woody Universe	Studio 4 3 Stories	Insight Veg. Soup	Weekend Christmas	Hulk Hogan	Garden Living Look At It	Today's Business	Dukes Of Hazzard	Sesame Street	ALL-Prints MAN	Fat Albert Robotech	Write Course Beyond The	Movie: "Joey" Cont'd
8:00	Kissyfur Tom & Jerry	Kissyfur Gummi Bears	Newsbag Inhumanoids	Wuzzies Care Bears	B'stain Bears Wildfire	Urban Scene Heads Up	Wuzzles Care Bears	Wonder Woman	Sesame Street		Kideo TV	Wall	Movie: "Bill Cosby,
9:00	Smurfs	Smurts	Batman Addams Fam.	Flintstone Kids	Muppet Babies	Muppet Babies	Flintstone Kids	New Gidget Happening	Special Am. Interests	GED	Voltron	Dream Behavior	Himself"
10:00	Alvin	Alvin	Soul Train	Ghostbusters Pd. Puppies	Playhouse Teen Wolf	Playhouse Teen Wolf	Ghostbüsters Pd. Puppies	At The Movies Am. Top Ten	Wall St. Wk. Wash. Week	Computer Motorweek	He-Man He-Man	Behavior Universe	Inside The NFL
1 1:00	Foofur P. Brewster	Foofur P. Brewster	Star Trek	Bugs Bunny New Ewoks	Galaxy High In Our Lives	Galaxy High It's Academic	Bugs Bunny New Ewoks	Wrestling	Mod. Maturity Capitol Jrnl.	Rod And Reel Kitchen	Wrestling	Universe Adult Years	Movie: "Fletch"
	NFL '86 NFL Football	NFL '86 NFL Football	Fall Guy	Up The Beat Record Guide	Music City Redskins	Dukes Of Hazzard	Weekend Kids Baffle	Movie: "Bloody	Money World S. Previews	Yan Can Cook Great Chefs	G.I. Joe: Arise, Serpentor,	Humanities	
1:00	Pittsburgh Steelers at	Pittsburgh Steelers at	Movie: "I Wonder	Bandstand Hit City	To Kickoff College	Look At It College	Nicholas Nickleby	Mama"	Floyd On Fish Vict. Garden	Gourmet Old House	Arise!	Managing Oil Painting	Friend In Deed Movie:
2:00	New York Jets	New York Jets	Who's Kissing Her Now"	All-America PGA Golf	Basketball Arizona at	Basketball Arizona at	PGA Golf	Movie: "Chel"	Hometime French Chef	Woodwright Painting	Movie	Cats & Dogs Houseworks	"Bullshot"
3:00	College	College	Movie: "Holiday"	Team	Georgetown NFL Today	Georgetown NFL Today	Team		So. Cooking Microwaves	Oil Painting Painting	Kojak	Movie: "It's A	Survival
4:00	Basketball DePaul at	Basketball DePaul at		Wide World Of	NFL Football Washington	NFL Football Washington	Wide World Of	Solid Gold	Old House Gourmet	Sewing Matinee At	Wrestling	Wonderful Life"	Movie: "Joey"
5:00	Louisville War Of Stars	Louisville	Fame	Sports	Redskins at Denver	Redskins at Denver	Sports	Greatest American Hero	WndrWks. "Anne of	The Bijou	Fame		"
6:00	News Next Question	News NBC News	- Silver Spoons Ted Knight	News ABC News	Broncos	Bronços	ABC News News	Small Wonder New Gidget	Green Gables"	Up & Coming Jumpstreet	Solid Gold	Xmas Eve On Sesame St.	Movie: "Bill Cosby,
7:00	Wheel Fortune Jeopardy	Redskins McLaughlin	3's Company 9 To 5	Out Of Darkness	Agronsky Essence	Happening Small Wonder	Siskel & Ebert Square Off	Throb Happening	WndrWks. "Anne of	Dance Connection	Dance Fever It's A Living	WndrWks. "Anne of	Himself"
8:00	Facts Of Life 227	Facts Of Life 227	Movie: "Babes in	Sidekicks S. Hammer	Downtown	Downtown	Sidekicks S. Hammer	Movie: "Hero At	Green Gables"	America's Music: R & B	Hee Haw	Green Gables"	Christmas At Radio City
9:00	Golden Girts Amen	Golden Girls Amen	Toyland"	Heart Of The City	Movie: "The Wild,	Movie: "The Wild,	Heart Of The City	Large"	Movie: "It's A	B.B. King At Nick's	Nestor Stinglest Man	Everly Brothers	Movie: "Wild Geese
10:00	Hunter	Hunter	News	Spenser: For Hire	Wild West Revisited"	Wild West Revisited"	Spenser: For Hire	Wrestling	Wonderful Life"	Saturday Night Sing	In Town Pink Panther	Rock And Roll	W"
11:00	News Saturday	News Saturday	Odd Couple Movie:	News ABC News	News Write Songs	News Wrestling	News Dancin'	Boxing	Movie:		Boxing	Doctor Who	Movie: "Fletch"
12:30		Night Live	"Madame X"	Entertainment This Week	Dancin' Dollar Secrets	Movie	Movie: "Deliverance"	"Atom Age Vampire"	"Second Chorus"		"Jungle Captive"		Movie

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 1986

Friday Plus, December 12, 1986

	WMAR	WRC	WTTG	WJLA	WUSA	WBAL	WJZ	WDCA	WETA	WHMM	WBFF	WMPB	НВО
7:00	Jimmy Swaggart	Studio 4 First Light	Jimmy Swaggart	Revival Discovery	World Tom. Sunday Mass	Essence Urban Scene	Real To Reel Workshop	Eye On Wash.	Sesame Street		Kenneth Copeland	Society	"Starman" Cont'd
8:00	Lift Voice Oral Roberts	Voyagersi	Frederick K. Price	Bauman Bible	Oral Roberts R. Schuller	Gospel Real Estate	Black Sheep Squadron	Funtastic World Of	Sesame Street		Fat Albert Jem		Fraggle Rock Movie: