# Video wallpaper: Relief for buzzing brains

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—
There is in this world
something called Video
Wallpaper. No, not the ABCTV prime-time schedule.

Video Wallpaper, according to the TV magazine Panorama, is a genuine product, made by Nebulae Productions in Flushing, N.Y. It consists of 14 halfhour videotape cassettes containing sights and scenes from nature, meant to tranquilize the buzzing brain. "The 1980s' answer to Muzak," Panorama calls it.

But television already has this product in abundance, you say ... "Diff'rent Strokes," "Vega\$," "Sheriff

Lobo," etc.

Indeed, on the very next
page of that issue of Panorama, there's a story about the popularity of radios that carry the sound from TV stations. Why would anyone want to listen to TV on the

Because, Panorama reports a GE study as fin-ding, "a significant portion of the market uses TV as a background noise.

I think it's safe to extend

all viewers use television as background noise, video wallpaper, if you will, at least some of the time. And if you can get video wallpaper for free by simply turning on the set, why lay out the cash for a

That's not to knock the product. Panorama says Video Wallpaper is used in mental hospitals and bioleedback centers as a sort of video Valium (as the product's creator originally wanted to call it). It's just that not everyone owns a videotape machine, and, in

an age of dwindling resources, we might as well make full use of what we already have.

In that spirit, I present the Viewers' Guide to Stupefying Television sampler (with their actual TV Guide storyline descriptions):

SATURDAY—"BJ and the Bear" (NBC) BJ takes Bear to a vet and is later told that the chimp's ailment is ter-

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SUNDAY-"Okavango" (PBS) A wide variety of wildlife is observed in a journey through a remote

Botswana.
MONDAY — 'Camp

Grizzly" (ABC) A summer camp distinguished by rundown facilities and incompetent counselors.

TUESDAY-"Laverne and Shirley" (ABC) To protest an erroneous utility bill, the girls have Carmine chain them inside a gas-company building, where they discover a bomb is set to explode.

(And in case a double dose is needed,) "I Love Lucy," Lucy incites the usual ruckus when Ricky forgets their

anniversary.
WEDNESDAY—"Diff'rent Strokes," (NBC) Valentine's Day finds the boys fondly reminiscing about their memorable experiences as Drummond's adopted sons.

Griffin," from Las Vegas: Shecky Greene, Bernadette Peters, singer Mary Shore, singers Sandler and Young,

Service agents driving the presidential limousine through the county stop just long enough for car-crazed Cooter to hot-wire it and take

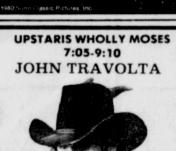


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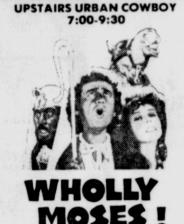


STARRING Darren McGavin - Robert Vaughn - Gary Collins Joseph Campanella - James Hampton - Tom Hallick Pamela Bellwood

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URBAN COWBOY



## Little House's Arngrim inspires strong emotions

By JERRY BUCK
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LOS ANGELES (AP)—
Alison Arngrim of NBC-TV's 'Little House on the Prairie' inspires strong emotional reactions in people.

Little girls throw things at

the TV set when she's on.
"People run up to me in restaurants and say, 'I hate you! You're terrible! But I love it when you do nasty things!'" the actress said.

The cause of these out-bursts is her role as "Nasty" Nellie Olsen, who has been making life miserable for Laura Ingalls for six years. She's a pint-sized black-mailer and a cheat.

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"People eye me — is that her?" said Miss Arngrim, 18, whose long, flaxen hair is curls. "Then I say something and they recognize my voice movie theater and asked for a Dr. Pepper and popcorn. The girl behind the counter said, 'Hot damn, it's Nellie Olsen!'"

She's also a budding Joan Rivers. She has been doing a standup comedy routine for several years. She has an album out as Amy Carter. Her mother, former Canadian actress Norma

Caroline and John-John Kennedy on "The First Family" album. Miss Arngrim is of



The show is a musical

satire, especially of grand opera, and includes

stereotyped heros, heroines, villains, ghosts and villagers.

McWhorter as Rose Maybud;

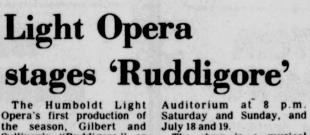
Bill Ryder as Robin Oakapple; Eleanor Call as Mad Margaret; Mark Hubbard as Sir Despard Murgatroyd (the villain);

Jerry Beck as Sir Roderick

Murgatroyd (the ghost); Del Jones as Old Adam; Phyllis

Jones as Hannah; and Nancy

The cast includes Carol



The Humboldt Light Opera's first production of the season, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore," or "The Witch's Curse," will at the Eureka High School

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## **KEET-TV** board sets meeting

A meeting of KEET-TV's board of directors will be held July 17 at 4 p.m. in Room 59 of CalTrans building, Wabash and Union streets in Eureka. New officers will be elected at the meeting.

Top sellers Best-selling country-Western records of the week 4."Bar Room Buddies,"

album.

Moore at Jambalaya

tenor saxophonist Zoot

Simms, percussionist Airto Moreira, guitarist Ralph Towner, and is a member of

the group "Oregon," which is expected to play at the

He has recorded numerous

Tickets for the shows are \$5

5."Friday Night Blues,"

6."One Day at a Time,"

7."Midnight Rider," Willie

8."Trying to Love Two Women," The Oak Ridge

Boys 9."True Love Ways,"

and are available in advance at the Jambalaya.

Haggard & Eastwood

John Conlee

**Christy Lane** 

Nelson

albums with that group, and recently released a solo

Jambalaya in mid-autumn.

based on Cashbox magazine's nationwide survey:

1. "He Stopped Loving Her Today," George Jones

2. "Your Body Is an Outlaw," Mel Tillis

3. "You Win Again," Charley Pride

ARCATA-Jazz musician

Glen Moore, who plays bass and plano, will perform two shows Monday at 8:30 and 10 p.m. at the Jambalaya, 915 H

Moore will be joined by violinist Danny Smith, a long-

time confederate of bassist

his native Oregon from a

teaching residence at the Naropa Institute in Boulder,

Moore recently returned to

David Friessen.

### Glenn Ford to star in 'Chesty'

HOLLYWOOD (AP)-Glenn Ford will star in "Chesty," the life story of Marine Lt. General Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Fuller, the much-decorated veteran of Korea and World War II.

Ford, who rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel himself while serving with the Green Berets in Vietnam, will produce through his own Glenn Ford Productions. Filming is to begin on locations in Israel and Korea in early 1981.





