

UMC trauma makes for prime-time drama

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The Learning Channel (TLC) primetime show, "Trauma: Life in the E.R.," which just kicked off its sixth season, features Las Vegas' University Medical Center (UMC). The show takes viewers into the nation's busiest trauma wards, where doctors and nurses make split-second, life-and-death decisions to save their patients' lives.

On October 1 at 8 p.m. on TLC (cable channel 38), Trauma's cameras roll into Vegas during the height of gang violence that occurred in the early part of this year, and which involved nearly 30 incidents of gun violence. One of those nights of gang violence involved two suspected gang members who were unfortunate enough to

be victims of a drive-by shooting.

Chief surgical resident Dr. Jon Larson, one of UMC's few African-American surgical residents, operates on the two alleged gang members.

"Racism affects all people of color," said Larson in a press release, wherein he acknowledges that he never saw the kind of violence he sees in Vegas, where he grew up. "But in Vegas, I see just how those who feel left out of society can turn against it."

"I have never seen anything like this in my life," said resident surgeon Dr. Dave MacIntyre in a release about the three-month terror of gang activity and the volume of patients at the UMC. MacIntyre operates on a retired gang member who was

shot in the stomach.

Producers of the show spent a month filming in the participating community hospitals without microphones or lights. Trauma centers are chosen according to their respectability in the medical community, specialties, advances in research, and how they reflect the communities they serve.

Many of the hospitals chosen are urban and rural teaching facilities where resident doctors enjoy explaining their craft to viewers.

Producers of the show are most surprised by the number of people who visit hospitals with medical emergencies, the severity of the emergencies- life-threatening or not- and the strict protocols used to administer care to suffering patients.



THE RIGHT KEYS

Alicia Keys performs "Someday We'll All Be Free" on the live broadcast of "America: A Tribute To Heroes," Sept. 21 in New York. In an extraordinary benefit across the television dial, entertainers from Tom Hanks to Bruce Springsteen united Friday to raise money for victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks.

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Wasted here in nothing support roles are singers Tia Texada, Eric Benet and Da Brat and credible character actors Terrence Howard, Ann Magnuson and Dorian Harewood. The delusional Mariah needs more help than anyone imagined if she could re-

lease such as unintentionally funny flop where she tries to pass off dumb bimbo, music-video mugging for acting.

Makes Spice World look like Casablanca.

Poor (one-half star). Rated PG-13 for brief violence, brief sensuality and a little adult language.

Chubby Checker debuts his beef jerky

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The man who introduced the nation to The Twist now has meatier goals.

Chubby Checker brought his new brand of beef jerky to several grocery stores last week. Fans had other things on their minds, however. Checker spent most of his visit signing autographs, posing for pictures and chatting with fans.

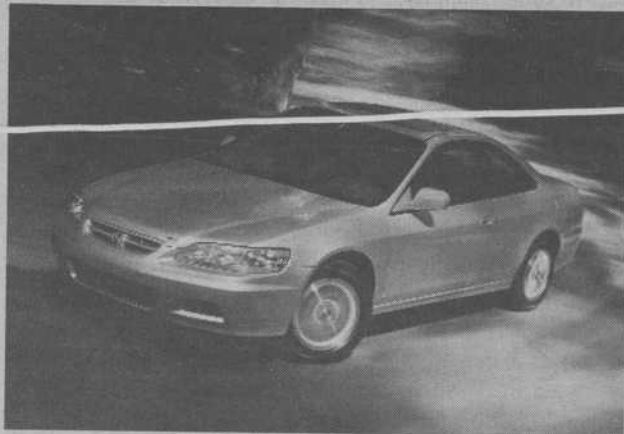
"I went through the Twist, rock 'n' roll, the whole thing with him - all the way," said



CHUBBY CHECKER

retired truck driver Joe Deloa. "I'm ecstatic."

Checker debuted "The Twist" - his cover of the song by Hank Ballard and the Midnighters - in August 1960. The following month, the song had topped the charts, eventually selling more than a million copies. His 1962 re-release of "The Twist" became the only single to hit No. 1 on U.S. charts on two separate occasions. He hit the Top 40 again with a rap version of "The Twist" in 1988.



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