

# Happy 50th Anniversary, M\*A\*S\*H, Maude and Kung Fu

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I didn't watch all of them from the very beginning, but several significant TV shows debuted in the fall of 1972.

"The Bob Newhart Show" starred Bob Newhart (who turned 93 on September 5) as psychologist Bob Hartley. Bob's trademark



stammer didn't seem all that noticeable to me. I was just starting junior high school and being at a loss for words was par for the course around the ninth-grade girls. I imagined lying face-down on Bob's couch to hide the zits. If Bob had added a P.E. climbing rope in his office, I'll bet all his patients would have plunged out the window.

"M\*A\*S\*H," of course, followed the doctors and support staff of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War. The comedy-drama could genuinely surprise us (as with Corporal Radar O'Reilly announcing

the death of Col. Henry Blake). If "M\*A\*S\*H" had been created in the 2020s, we would instead steel ourselves for the PREDICTABLE, with a dazed Radar muttering, "My teddy bear just announced that he's a lesbian."

The "M\*A\*S\*H" producers scrupulously turned off the laugh track during surgery scenes. Our hypothetical "M\*A\*S\*H" of 2022? They would doubtless instead have guest-star Joe Biden pop in to remind the audience, "Not a joke."

"M\*A\*S\*H" ranked #46 in the Nielsen ratings for its inaugural season and was nearly canceled. When it bowed out 11 years later, the finale became the most watched U.S. television broadcast in history at that time, with 106 million viewers. TV programmers still haven't learned patience. Most shows come on and off faster than one of Klinger's gowns.

"Maude" gave us both Bea Arthur (as "that uncompromisin', enterprisin', anything but tranquilizin' right on

Maude") and Rue McClanahan (as her confidante Vivian Harmon) more than a decade before their "Golden Girls" misadventures. During the fourth season, I ran home from my after-school job every Monday night to catch "Maude" (and its lead-in, "All in the Family," featuring Maude's cousin, Edith Bunker).

"Maude" was a ratings powerhouse for most of its network run; but I read in Norman Lear's autobiography that local station program directors balked at the syndicated reruns, using a crude term for a domineering woman. I can just imagine Maude sternly announcing, "God will get you for that, local station program directors."

"The Waltons" became a nostalgic Thursday night destination for entire families, but that was then. Nowadays, the familiar "Good night, John-Boy" would be replaced with "Be sure to turn off your back-lit electronic devices half an hour before bedtime, John-Boy."

ABC's wildly popu-

lar "Kung Fu" starred David Carradine as Shaolin priest and martial arts expert Kwai Chang Caine. The show could truly have used a "Grasshopper, don't try this at home" disclaimer. No telling how many pulled muscles, bruised jaws and broken vases came out of kids imitating the action.

"The Streets of San Francisco" (pairing Hollywood veteran Karl Malden with a young Michael Douglas) was a worthy addition to the Quinn Martin Productions stable. Mercifully, it came and went before the current trend of police procedural "franchises," or we would have "The Streets of San Francisco: Dirt Roads of Podunk."

The TV networks are breathlessly hyping their new shows, but will anyone remember them this fondly in 2072?

Maybe, just maybe. And maybe by then I will finally be rid of this wedgie. \*Sigh\* Good old school days.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

A dog received a harsh punishment for sneaking a few bites of pizza Friday, according to a Lewisburg Police Department report.

Officers were called to McDonald's for a report of someone hitting a dog. Officer Robert Gurley found Christopher Gentry with a dog bleeding from its head and an eye.

Gentry, of Fifth Avenue North, told Gurley he had only smacked the dog in the rear with a leash because it ate the pizza, and the wound was due to the dog hitting its head on the door of a van Thursday.

Gentry was charged with animal cruelty.

### STOLEN VEHICLES

•A man wanted in Maury County on two counts of criminal homicide was arrested Aug. 25 in Lewisburg in connection with a stolen van.

Christopher Dobek, 41, of Spring Hill was allegedly at a Hull Avenue residence on the night of Thursday, Aug. 25, trying to collect items he told police belonged to him.

A resident of the home accused Dobek of changing the van's vehicle identification number with one from an older van, Lewisburg police said. A records check confirmed the van had been stolen from Nashville and the number had been altered.

Dobek was charged in Marshall County with possession of stolen property.

•A pickup truck reported stolen in Georgia was recovered Thursday, Aug. 30, on Old Farmington Road by Lewisburg police.

Jaylen White, 18, of Jackson, Georgia, was charged with possession of stolen property. White had allegedly driven to a Lewisburg residence and left the truck in the roadway nearby.

### DRUG CHARGES

•Marijuana was confiscated from a woman allegedly driving on the wrong side of the road near the Dollar General Store on Nashville Highway in Farmington.

Jamaica Johnson, 25, of Shelbyville, told Marshall County Deputy Clint Newbill she was lost and accidentally drove into the wrong lane while looking at her GPS.

Newbill said in his report he smelled marijuana in Johnson's vehicle. He conducted a probable cause search and allegedly found 12.2 grams of marijuana in a glass jar on the vehicle's floorboard.

Johnson was cited for simple possession of a schedule 6 drug and driving on a revoked license.

•Dwayne Keith Carrington, 47, of Daugherty Road, was cited for possession of schedule 6 and 2 drugs after he was found passed out in his vehicle near his home by Chapel Hill police. A "small amount" of marijuana and hydrocodone pills were found in his vehicle, a Marshall County Sheriff's Office report said.

•A bag containing smaller bags of crystal methamphetamine, marijuana and several cell phones was found at the dead end area of Ramblewood Drive on Friday, Aug. 27, according to a MCSO report.

### ATTEMPTED THEFT ALLEGED

Two men who allegedly tried to steal a bird cage from an Old Belfast Road home Monday night were cited for criminal trespassing by the MCSO.

Juanm Manuel del Villa, 22, and Romano Rodrigues, 30, both of Lewisburg, were found on the property by a relative of the resident around 9:30 p.m. The men had allegedly loaded the cage into the bed of a pickup.

The suspects told the relative they had permission to take the cage. The resident said she didn't know the men and no one was to be on the property.

### THEFTS/SHOPLIFTING

More than \$800 worth of items were taken from Marshall Farmers Co-Op, North Ellington Parkway, on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Security video shows a man picking up two Milwaukee trimmers and a DeWitt leaf blower and throwing them over a fence in the garden center, Lewisburg police said. The suspect can be seen leaving the store, driving to the fence in a 2013 or 2014 gold or silver Hyundai Elantra with extensive side damage, loading the items and leaving.

Also reported to area authorities:

•A black and green Schwinn Sidewinder bicycle was stolen from the yard of a home on Fifth Avenue North overnight Saturday, an LPD report said.

•A suspect with an allegedly-stolen watch and knife was arrested Thursday, Sept. 1, in a restroom at Walmart.

Christian Burgess was seen on video placing the items into a backpack. Loss was estimated at \$28.

Burgess was cited for shoplifting and banned from the store. The report said the items cannot be placed back into inventory and are considered contaminated due to having been in a restroom.

•A suspect described as a woman, approximately 50 years old, driving a late model maroon Food Fusion, pushed a cart containing \$88 worth of food from Walmart and left without paying Sunday night.

•A man stole \$42 worth of Topps football cards from two packs and left Walmart around 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, police were told.

### SCAMMER STRIKES

A scammer who attempted to convince a Lewisburg man he'd won \$3.5 million in a Publishers Clearing House contest went an extra step last week.

Lewisburg police were told the false caller claimed the winner would have to pay taxes on the "winnings" through a new bank account with personal information provided to the scammer.

Using information provided by the victim, the scammer called his bank - using the victim's name - transferred funds into a new account, then took the money himself.

# Farm Equipment Auction

## Complete Liquidation of Red Cedar Farms Saturday, September 10th, 10 a.m.

Located at 2041 Highway 99 (Sylvester Chunn Hwy) Chapel Hill, TN 37034

2014 MF 4610 cab 4WD Tractor with Westendorf loader, Ford 4630, Ford 1715, Farmall 140 with cultivator, Ford 7810 4WD, Ford 8n, Ford TW20, Ford 960 tricycle, AC D17, JD CT322 Skid Steer, Skid Steer bucket, Pallet Forks, bale spear, Polaris Ranger Crew Cab 4x4, Honda Foreman 400 4-wheeler, 16 ft trailer, Rain Flo 1600 Series II Transplanter, Rain Flo 2600 Plastic mulch layer, 300 gallon Penns Creek Produce Sprayer, (2) 9 ft discs, Alamo 9194 Hydraulic rotary cutter, (2) 3 bottom plows, Brillion 9 ft double cultipacker, 21 ft field cultivator, 3 pt seeder

1 row cultivator, 3 pt bale spear, Sigma 7 ft rotary tiller, Tar River TXG-050 50" tiller, Big Bee 4 ft 3 pt cutter, 60 gallon air compressor, Truck toolboxes & fuel tanks, Stihl FS90 Weedeater, Predator 9000 Generator, Dewalt 5700 Generator, Energy Storm 4100 Generator, Dewalt 4000 Pressure Washer, Bolt and Fastener Bins and Contents, Work Benches/Toolboxes/Mechanics tools, 300+ Metal Fence Posts, 3" Rainflo Water Pump, 2" Honda Water pump, 1" Predator Water Pump, 1200 "Super Sacks", 100 tomato boxes, 4250 Berry qt. containers, 240 NEW food grade 5 gal buckets, 400 clamshell Pint containers, 352 1lb clamshell containers

This will be a Live Auction with Online bidding available. Inspection will be on Friday, Sept. 9th from 9am till 3pm. Terms are cash or check day of auction. 4% charge for credit cards. Can't attend live, then log on and bid online. 15% Buyers Premium for online bidding only. [www.garyauction.com](http://www.garyauction.com) for details.

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## Complete Liquidation of Red Cedar Farms Tents - Commercial Restaurant Equipment Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 10 a.m.

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**TENTS, INFLATABLES, EVENT EQUIPMENT:**  
40' x 40' Toptec Tent, 60' x 60' Toptec Tent, 20' x 30' Toptec Frame Tent, 20' x 20' Toptec Tent, Tent Sidewalls, 9' x 10' marquee Walkway, Commercial Produce dryer with heat exchange furnace, feeding conveyor w/ distributor, drying boxes w/mesh belts, discharge conveyor, control panel, & Beckett burner, 430 Brown Folding Chairs, (24) 10' x 10' "Pop up" Tents, Schaefer 12" Tent Fans, Grain Bin Ticket Booth, (35) 8' Rectangle plywood folding tables, (20) 5' Round plywood folding Tables, Custom Farmhouse Table Sets, Picnic Tables, 18' Wacky slide inflatable, 18' Slide Inflatable, Funny Farm Moonwalk Inflatable, Firetruck Combo Moonwalk Inflatable, Electro-Voice Speaker System, 20' x 40' Inflatable Movie Screen, 65 Gallon Trash Cans, Inflatable Blowers, Emist Sanitizer, Tent Jack, 90' Round table linens, Movie Projector

**RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT:**  
Like new North Pole double door freezer, 3 door True glass front freezer, True 2 glass door refrigerator, True merchandise cooler, Southbend Silver Star Double Oven, 10x10 Walk in Cooler, Imperial 2 basket deep fryer, Hoshizaki Ice Maker, LOLO Steam Jacketed 32QT Kettle, 2-Door Reach In Freezer, MANY 6 & 8 ft. Stainless Steel Prep Tables, NEW Dukers Countertop Charbroiler, 36" Commercial Flat Top Griddle, 36" 6-Burner Cook Top, Commercial 30 quart Mixer, Popcorn Machine, Snow-Kone Machines, Hot Dog 7 Roller Grill Cooker, Commercial meat slicer

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