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**UPN, THE FASTEST GROWING NETWORK IN YOUNG DEMOS,  
ANNOUNCES TWO NEW DRAMAS AND ONE NEW COMEDY  
FOR ITS 2002-2003 PRIME-TIME SCHEDULE**

**“The Twilight Zone,” “Haunted” and “Half and Half” Join the Lineup**

**“Abby” Ordered for Mid Season**

**Both of UPN’s Freshman Series Last Fall Return for a Sophomore Season**

UPN will introduce two new dramas and one new comedy to its schedule for the 2002-2003 season, it was announced today by Dawn Ostroff, President, Entertainment, UPN.

UPN’s 2002-2003 prime-time schedule will capitalize on the momentum of last season. UPN will use its key anchor series to do what few other networks can -- launch all three of its new shows in protected time periods behind well-established series. The new shows were created as companion pieces for their lead-ins and to bring dedicated fans from one night to the next.

Coming off of its best full season ever in 18-to-34 year olds, UPN has had a season of bests. UPN will finish this season as the fastest-growing network among 12-to-34 year olds, 18-to-34 year olds and 18-to-49 year olds. This season, UPN beat The WB among 18-to-34 year olds, 18-to-49 year olds, total viewers and households.

“We are focused on making UPN a well-defined brand,” said Ostroff. “Our goal is to make UPN the first place on the dial that 18-to-34 year olds go and this schedule puts us comfortably on our way to doing that.”

The new dramas are THE TWILIGHT ZONE, hosted by Forest Whitaker, and HAUNTED, starring Matthew Fox. The new comedy is HALF AND HALF.

ABBY, starring Sydney Tamiia Poitier, was ordered for mid season.

UPN will return six prime-time programs, including ONE ON ONE, THE PARKERS, GIRLFRIENDS, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, ENTERPRISE, and WWE SMACKDOWN! as well as the UPN MOVIE FRIDAY.

Both of UPN's freshman series last fall return for sophomore seasons: ONE ON ONE (Monday, 8:30-9:00 PM) and ENTERPRISE (Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 PM).

NEW DRAMAS (all times ET/PT):

**HAUNTED** (Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 PM), starring Matthew Fox ("Party of Five") and Russell Hornsby ("Gideon's Crossing"), puts a supernatural spin on the popular genre of private investigation, where crimes are solved with help from an inexplicable link between this world and the hereafter. Four years ago, Frank Taylor (Fox) was a career police detective, had a great partner, Marcus Bradshaw (Hornsby), and a happy family life with his wife, Jessica, and their son. But it all changed when their child was kidnapped and never found. Frank, now legally but not emotionally divorced from Jessica, is working as a private eye when he finds his life changed forever after a near-death experience results in his being haunted by lost souls from beyond the grave that help him in solving a variety of cases. As Frank reluctantly accepts his heightened awareness, he evolves from an incredulous non-believer to an intrigued witness to the beyond. HAUNTED is an Industry Entertainment Production, in association with Viacom Productions and CBS Productions. Executive producers are Emile Levisetti ("The Education of Max Bickford"), Keith Addis ("The Education of Max Bickford"). Rick Ramage ("Stigmata") is co-executive producer. The supervising producer is Andrew Cosby. Ramage and Cosby are creators and writers.

**THE TWILIGHT ZONE** (Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 PM), hosted by Forest Whitaker ("Panic Room"), comes into the 21st century in UPN's modernized incarnation. On Oct. 2, 1959, THE TWILIGHT ZONE aired its first episode and instantaneously became one of television's seminal classics. Honoring Rod Serling's profound legacy, this new version of the perennial favorite will envelop viewers in a world of fantasy and suspense. Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker will host each self-contained episode of THE TWILIGHT ZONE, which will often feature known actors as ordinary people in beyond extraordinary situations as they enter the sometimes frightening, often intriguing, but always suspenseful and surprising world of The Twilight Zone. THE TWILIGHT ZONE is a Trilogy Entertainment Group production in association with New Line Television. Pen Densham ("Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," "The Outer Limits") is the writer and will be executive producer with his partners Mark Stern ("Outer Limits," "Poltergeist: The Legacy") and John Watson ("The Magnificent Seven").

NEW COMEDY (all times ET/PT):

**HALF AND HALF** (Monday, 9:30-10:00 PM) stars Rachel True ("The Craft") as Mona and Essence Atkins ("Smart Guy") as Dee Dee, half-sisters who have only one thing in

common - their father. Growing up separately, these two virtual strangers suddenly become neighbors in the same San Francisco apartment building and experience the challenges of sisterhood for the first time. Mona, a budding music executive, was raised by her single mother, Phyllis (Telma Hopkins of "Family Matters"), to be an independent woman who does things in her own free-spirited, and sometimes sardonic style. By contrast, younger sister Dee Dee is a privileged honor-roll college student who grew up in a two-parent home, but searches for her own identity out of the shadow of her overbearing mother, Big Dee Dee (Valarie Pettiford of "One Life to Live"). Now in their twenties, these two vastly contrasting women are discovering the advantages and joys that the special bond of sisterhood offers. But their relationship is not without its problems, as they often clash on everything from morals to money to men. Meanwhile Spencer (Theron 'Chico' Benymon of "Moeshia"), Mona's best friend, becomes the conscience of the group and helps build a bridge between the women. HALF AND HALF is from CBS Productions. Yvette Lee Bowser ("A Different World," "Living Single," and "For Your Love") is executive producer. Jeffrey Klarik ("Mad About You") is the writer.

#### MID SEASON

**ABBY** stars Sydney Tamiia Poitier ("First Years") as an attractive, upbeat, ambitious young African-American woman, who is the producer of the popular television program, "Northwest Sports Report." On the personal front, Abby has just dumped her charmingly self-absorbed boyfriend, Will (Sean O'Bryan of "The Princess Diaries"). But because they share a fabulous, rent-controlled San Francisco apartment, they uneasily agree to remain roommates. Circumstances for Abby on the job are almost as complicated as her love life. As producer of "Northwest Sports Report," she is in the unique position of being one of very few women in the testosterone-laden world of sports television. Additionally, Max (Randy J. Goodwin of "Girlfriends"), her best friend and ally at the show, harbors a secret crush on her. And then there's her sister, Jo (Tangie Ambrose of "Thank Heaven"). Feisty and flirtatious, Jo is ever ready to coach Abby on the fine art – and application of – her feminine wiles and always eager to provide her opinion on how Abby should live her life. Put it all together and Abby has a very full and exciting life. Now if she could just hold on, she might be able to keep up with it. ABBY is produced by CBS Productions. Mitchel Katlin and Nat Bernstein (creators of "The Gregory Hines Show, "Opportunity Knocks") are the writers and executive producers.

#### RETURNING SERIES (all times ET/PT):

**THE PARKERS** (Monday, 8:00-8:30 PM), featuring the outrageous mother-daughter team of Nikki (Mo'Nique) and Kim Parker (Countess Vaughn), enters its fourth season on UPN. There is never a dull moment between the dynamic duo of outspoken, outlandish, yet amusing and charming Nikki Parker and her hip, young, albeit not-too-bright daughter Kim as the two enter their final year at Santa Monica College.

**ONE ON ONE** (Monday, 8:30-9:00 PM) Flex Alexander and Kyla Pratt team up for a second season as the single ladies man father, Flex Washington (Alexander), and his intelligent and outspoken, in-your-face 15-year-old daughter Breanna (Pratt).

**GIRLFRIENDS** (Monday, 9:00-9:30 PM), the fastest growing comedy on any network last season, follows the lives of four friends, Joan (Tracee Ellis Ross), Maya (Golden Brooks), Lynn (Persia White) and Toni (Jill Marie Jones), as they tackle universal issues that all women face families, friends and relationships, among other topics -- with tenderness, care and respect.

**BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER** (Tuesday, 8:00-9:00 PM) stars Sarah Michelle Gellar leading a remarkably talented and attractive cast in its second season on UPN. By now, the story is familiar to everyone. A girl destined to defend humanity against demons, vampires and the forces of darkness. Buffy is The Slayer. A single, working woman, raising her sister by day and battling demons by night, the fight continues as Buffy's days of slaying are far from over.

**ENTERPRISE** (Wednesday, 8:00-9:00 PM), now entering its second season, is the latest in the successful "Star Trek" franchise that was created in 1966 by Gene Roddenberry. A prequel to the original "Star Trek" series, ENTERPRISE takes place midway through the 22nd century. Led by the intrepid Capt. Jonathan Archer (Scott Bakula), the starship Enterprise explores the history of intergalactic upheaval that eventually leads to the formation of The Federation. The combination of science fiction, action/adventure and compelling stories of collective bravery and individual heroism remain true to the spirit of one of popular culture's most formidable brands.

**WWE SMACKDOWN!** (Thursday, 8:00-10:00 PM), the most watched TV show by male teens on the most competitive night on television, is network television's biggest and most impressive spectacle. Featuring top WWE superstars, including The Rock, Kurt Angle, Triple H, Hollywood Hulk Hogan and many more led by Vince McMahon, the epic battles and unique storylines on WWE SMACKDOWN! will continue to escalate. Combining incredible wrestling action, potent melodrama and broad, must-be-seen-to-be-believed humor in all-original episodes 52 weeks a year, WWE SMACKDOWN! has been, and will continue to be, appointment viewing for millions of men and women.

**UPN MOVIE FRIDAY** (Friday, 8:00-10:00 PM) presents first-rate theatrical films in genres and styles with wide audience appeal. Last season, the UPN MOVIE FRIDAY scored two of the most watched Friday nights in the network's history. Next year, UPN is home to the broadcast-television premieres of "The Man In The Iron Mask," "The Cell" and "Super Cop" as well as the world-television premiere of Jackie Chan's "Accidental Spy." Some of UPN's other big feature films on tap for next season include: "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," "Eraser," and one of the most successful and long-running sci-fi franchises in film history, the "Star Trek" movies.

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Following is the 2002-2003 UPN primetime schedule:

**UPN 2002-2003 PRIMETIME SCHEDULE**  
(N=New; NT=New Time; all times ET/PT)

**MONDAY**

8:00-8:30 PM	THE PARKERS (NT)
8:30-9:00 PM	ONE ON ONE (NT)
9:00-9:30 PM	GIRLFRIENDS (NT)
9:30-10:00PM	HALF AND HALF (N)

**TUESDAY**

8:00-9:00 PM	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER
9:00-10:00 PM	HAUNTED (N)

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00-9:00 PM	ENTERPRISE
9:00-10:00 PM	THE TWILIGHT ZONE (N)

**THURSDAY**

8:00-10:00 PM	WWE SMACKDOWN!
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**FRIDAY**

8:00-10:00 PM	UPN MOVIE FRIDAY
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