

WBTV Looks At Mental Retardation

A half-hour special devoted to a view of the retarded will be told through the personal experiences of three families, each of whom has a retarded child. Entitled "A Fact of Life-A Fact of Love," the program will be seen Monday, December 26th at 9:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The Robert Griffin family of Union County has a four-year-old son, Robbie, who attends Ramsey Kindergarten in Charlotte. We'll see how the

Kindergarten and the family deals with Robbie and his needs, with a considerable distance between the two places.

Dick Tomlinson and his wife have four daughters, one of whom has defied an early prediction that she would never function beyond the level of an infant. We'll see how Kelly, now eleven, fits into a family of six, and what strides she's making at Metro Center in Charlotte.

Twenty-one-year-old Nathan Bright, who has a learning ability of a ten-year-old, is attending Nevins Vocational Training Center, preparing to be placed in a job. With the help of his grandmother, Mrs. Amie Hart, Nathan managed to graduate in special courses from Garinger High, at a time when there were no facilities for special training in Charlotte.

These very personal stories prove that retarded children should not be pre-judged as to what levels of learning they can achieve. With the greater awareness and recognition in a more caring society and

with help from schools and family, many of them can lead meaningful lives.

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WBTV To Air Sun, Cotton Bowl Games

CBS Sports' post-season collegiate football coverage includes the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, when Louisiana State University battles Stanford University in a contest on Saturday, December 31 at 1:30 p.m.

And, the Cotton Bowl football classic, the nation's number-one ranked collegiate power, where the University of Texas, unbeaten and untied, takes on "The Fighting Irish" of the University of Notre Dame, Monday, January 2 at 2 p.m. both on WBTV, Channel 3.

In the Sun Bowl on New Year's Eve, the Tigers of LSU, with eight victories in 11 outings, take on the Cardinals of Stanford, also eight and three on the season, marking the 10th consecutive year of broadcasting the post-season classic by CBS Sports.

And, the Texas Longhorns can lay claim to the mythical national championship if it can extend its unbeaten string to include the Cotton Bowl after capturing the Southwest Conference title.

This is the Longhorns' first perfect season since 1969.

Abby Flanders

Abby Flanders will talk to Carolina poet Tommy Scott Young about his poetry and his reasons for writing about the subjects he chooses on Top O' The Day, Monday, December 26, beginning at 12 - noon on WBTV.

when they were national champions and football historians expect this team to make up for a blemish in the record books, which shows the

Fighting Irish the only team to beat Texas in 1970, in the Cotton Bowl, after the Longhorns swept through a 10-game season also undefeated, that year.



Clara Lowry will look at a common New Year's resolution - "I'm going to stop smoking" - on Top O' The Day, Wednesday, December 28, beginning at 12 noon on WBTV. Miss Lowry will also look at learning tips on how to stop and the various methods of going about it on the popular mid-day program that will also feature Dick Taylor meeting a man who restores and refinishes old musical organs and finds out how he does it.

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