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NEWS & NOTES

6/On the Road Again: A nearly-bankrupt Willie Nelson is playing for the IRS....New Kids may team up with Ol' Blue Eyes...Bret Easton Ellis' lurid novel, *American Psycho*, gets a new publisher...Two upcoming movies help the homeless...Dana Ashbrook reveals a *Twin Peaks* plot idea that was too wild for David Lynch...There's trouble in homeroom for *Head of the Class*.

FEATURES

12/Get Back On the 10th anniversary of John Lennon's murder, we remember this complex superstar who changed the face of rock & roll and examine why the bad-boy Beatle still fascinates. Plus, an appreciation of Lennon's complete musical works and an overdue defense of his long-suffering widow, Yoko Ono.

20/A Catalog of Catalogs Our guide to the best and worst of those glossy holiday gift guides that are overflowing your mailbox

22/The Great Pretenders Signed, sealed, delivered, they're ours—but what are they? Revelations about chart-toppers Milli Vanilli and Vanilla Ice made us wonder what's goin' on.

24/Stocking Stuff From the wide, wonderful world of entertainment, may we suggest something for every child on your shopping list? Our recommendations include *The Peter Rabbit Presentation Box* (Books), *The Red Shoes* (Video), *Mainly Mother Goose* (Music), and *TurboGrafx-16* (Video games).

REVIEWS

32/MOVIES Misery, Mr. & Mrs. Bridge, Predator 2, Berkeley in the Sixties, and C'est La Vie

44/TELEVISION Hallmark Hall of Fame: Decoration Day, Tom & Jerry's 50th Birthday Bash, Rita Rudner: Born to be Mild, The Best Hotel on Skid Row, Wonderworks: A Girl of the Limberlost, and The Early Days

54/BOOKS Charles Kuralt's *A Life on the Road* and A.S. Byatt's novel *Possession: A Romance*; plus a cookbook roundup

60/MUSIC New albums from Phil Collins, Paul McCartney, Van Morrison, Robert Palmer, Run-D.M.C., Cinderella, Shazzy, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Emmylou Harris, plus three new Louis Armstrong collections

68/VIDEO Four films from director Henry Jaglom: Can She Bake a Cherry Pie?, Tracks, Someone to Love, and New Year's Day. And, with Superfly's return, a look at black-action films.

DEPARTMENTS

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