

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS and SPECIALS

DEC. 1

A Charlie Brown Christmas Charlie Brown and Linus search for the meaning of Christmas; the short "Prep & Landing: Operation Secret Santa" accompanies the holiday classic. **ABC 8 pm**

Bing Crosby and the Sounds of Christmas Mary Costa, Robert Goulet, Mitchell Singing Boys and the Crosby family. **GET TV 8 pm**

DEC. 2

I Love Lucy Christmas Special (N) While decorating for Christmas, the Ricardos and Mertzes reflect on how their lives have changed since the arrival of Little Ricky; Lucy snares a bit part in a motion picture. **CBS 8 pm**

The Simpsons Homer, living a double life as a secret agent, must kill Kent Brockman; Bart and Lisa help Kodos reconnect with his home planet; Flanders decides to spook Springfield's children. **FX 10 pm**

DEC. 3

The Tall Man At a Christmas party, Billy accidentally knocks a drink from a man's hand while swinging wildly a piñata; a fight ensues and Billy winds up killing the man in self-defense. **GET TV 7 pm**

Yancy Derringer Yancy spends the holiday season searching for the murderer of his uncle Henry Spinner. **GET TV 7:40 pm**

The Big Bang Theory Leonard, Sheldon, Wolowitz and Koothrappali attend Penny's Halloween party. **TBS 8:30 pm**

DEC. 4

The Simpsons Thirty years in the future, Bart, Lisa and their children spend the holidays at Marge and Homer's house. **FX 7 pm**

NCIS: Los Angeles A truck transporting Christmas trees hits a suspected North Korean spy; Kensi and Deeks try to include their mothers in their plans for Christmas; Hetty thinks Granger is not in the holiday spirit. **CBS 8 pm**

Christmas at Tiffani's (N) Tiffani and her husband host a party for friends Mark-Paul Gosselaar and his wife, Cattriona, Tim and Elisa DeKay, and Jason and Naomi Priestly; they serve turkey, dressing, cheesy potatoes au gratin and boozy blood-orange cranberry sauce. **COOK 8 pm**

Everybody Loves Raymond A romantic Christmas morning ends when Ray's family bursts in for eggs Florentine and unwrapping gifts. **TVLD 8:30 pm**

Everybody Loves Raymond Marie and Frank devastate Ray by trading in their gift, a personally engraved toaster, for a coffee maker. **TVLD 9 pm**

Everybody Loves Raymond Ray thinks a family portrait would be the perfect gift for his mother, until the family gets together. **TVLD 9:30 pm**

Everybody Loves Raymond A Christmas letter from Marie and Debra causes a family tiff. **TVLD 10 pm**

Everybody Loves Raymond After the kids ruin Ray's dictionary, Frank tells them about the day their father ruined his prized collection of jazz records. **TVLD 10:30 pm**

Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town A mailman (the voice of Fred Astaire) explains why Santa has whiskers, lives at the North Pole and brings presents once a year. Animated. **ABC FAMILY 10:55 pm**

DEC. 5

Christmas Cookie Challenge Five confident and daring bakers compete to prove their holiday cookie-making skills; judges Duff Goldman, Damaris Phillips, and Sherry Yard are on hand to crown the holiday cookie master. **FOOD 7 pm**

National Christmas Tree Lighting (N) The tradition of the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse began with President Calvin Coolidge over 90 years ago. **HALLMARK 7 pm**

Family Guy Peter shares his version of the Nativity story at Christmastime. **TBS 8 pm**

That '70s Show After Donna's dad leaves town for the weekend, she and Eric practice being married; Eric later tells Red he is engaged to Donna. **IFC 8:30 pm**

The Johnny Cash Christmas Show In this musical holiday special from 1977, Johnny Cash, Roy Clark, June Carter Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins and the Statler Brothers perform; with a special tribute to Elvis Presley, who had tragically died earlier that year. **GET TV 9 pm**

Chopped Cooking Channel stars Gabriele Corcos, Kelsey Nixon, Roger Mooking and Jim Stacy are set to take on a holiday challenge; the appetizer basket features a whole roasted goose; a meat-and-potatoes entree round. **FOOD 10 pm**

DEC. 6

The Jeff Foxworthy Show Jeff and Big Jim are arrested after taking the children into the woods to chop down a Christmas tree. **GET TV 8 pm**

Chopped Junior Gingerbread houses in the appetizer round; young cooks must make sweet ingredients work with leg of lamb; snowmen made of doughnuts in the dessert basket; former White House chef Sam Kass, Food Network's Marc Murphy, and Martha Stewart judge. **FOOD 9 pm**

Sugar Showdown (N) Bakers must create delicious treats in this cooking competition. **COOK 10 pm**

Sugar Showdown Holiday bakers incorporate a gingerbread house into their donuts during the elimination round; the remaining donut makers compete in a stocking stuffers-themed showdown for a chance to advance to the championship finale. **COOK 10:30 pm**

DEC. 7

Lethal Weapon (N) Holiday celebrations are cut short when the precinct is called to examine a homicide linked to the deranged nephew of a drug lord who has ties to Riggs; Murtaugh has a problem with his neighbor's excessive holiday decorations. **FOX 8 pm**

Cupcake Wars The best cupcakes presented at the Hollywood Christmas Parade. **COOK 8 pm**

The Restless Gun Bonner, the marshal and their extremely strong but mute prisoner take shelter in a Spanish mission on Christmas Eve and meet orphans re-enacting the first Christmas. **GET TV 8 pm**

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Toy Story That Time Forgot While at a post-Christmas play date, the gang finds itself in uncharted territory after some cool new action figures turn out to be delusional, leaving it up to Trixie to save the day. **ABC 8 pm**

Taraji's White Hot Holidays (N) Taraji P. Henson hosts a music and variety special featuring celebrity guests Jussie Smollett, Taye Diggs, Pharrell Williams, Missy Elliott, Alicia Keys, Darryl McDaniels and TLC. **FOX 8 pm**

Cops An undercover officer poses as a cab driver in Las Vegas to search for prostitutes; when officers approach a stopped car, they discover the driver and a woman in a compromising position; officers pose as prostitutes to arrest people for solicitation. **SPIKE 8 pm**

The Andy Williams Christmas Show Lorie Morgan and the Osmond Brothers join the singer in Christmas tunes including "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "White Christmas." **GET TV 8 pm**

Shrek the Halls The ogre's plans for a cozy family Christmas go awry when Donkey, Puss in Boots and the rest of the fairy-tale gang try to join in the fun. **ABC 8:30 pm**

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Beat Bobby Flay Chef Alex Guarnaschelli and magician Penn Jillette set their sights on a Christmas miracle, beating Bobby Flay; Moroccan French chef Adil Fawzi and New Jersey chef Ariane Duarte faceoff. **FOOD 10:30 pm**



Claymation Christmas Celebration (1987)

Oh, the memories! Back when we asked Santa for jelly shoes and Cabbage Patch Kids ... if we could only find the VHS tape! Dinosaur co-hosts Rex and Herb introduce various musical numbers and discuss the origins of each such as "Carol of the Bells," "We Three Kings," "Joy to the World" and our personal favorite, "Here We Come a-Waffling" ... err .. "Wassailing." The headliner here though is none other than The California Raisins singing "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer." We think someone (we're looking at you, Netflix ...) needs to bring this classic back on the air. If you're feeling really nostalgic, it can be purchased on DVD through Amazon or shop.tcm.com.