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The Real PBS Season

If you watch Channel 9, you may have noticed that the PBS schedule which started in the fall is the public network's feeblest and least distinguished lineup in years. A new system of government funding had left PBS fractured and near-penniless. PBS threw what it could on the air: reruns, a sports series, a series on burglar-proofing, and "Upstairs, Downstairs," then set out to beat the bushes for foundation and corporate funding for the January mid-season shows.

The foundations and corporations duly kicked through. And the PBS schedule that opens next week could be considered the real PBS season, after the false start in the fall.

The hungry intellectual and the just plain hungry will find several splendid series opening in the next few weeks, including a course in Italian cooking, a review of the entire human race by a great scientist-historian, a series of fine Japanese films, weekly advice for consumers, and the return of the superb journalism of Bill Moyers.



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"The Ascent of Man" (Tuesdays at 8:30 beginning Jan. 7) is a monumental 13-week study of human culture, in the vein of Kenneth Clark's "Civilization" but perceived from the scientific point of view of Dr. Jacob Bronowski, rather than the artistic point of view of Sir Kenneth. The late Dr. Bronowski, who was a playwright and literary critic as well as a research biologist, narrates the episodes, relating man's efforts to unlock the secrets of nature. Each hour concentrates on a science: agriculture, astronomy, genetics, evolution.

"The Japanese Film" (Thursdays at 9 p.m. starting Jan. 9) is a collection of feature films from Japan, with good subtitles designed for television and a commentary by Edwin O. Reischauer, our former ambassador to Japan. The series opens, perhaps deceptively, with a rousing action epic, "Sanjuro," a 1962 Kurosawa film starring Toshiro Mifune, full of swordplay and satire. Later films in the series are more sombre: "Ugetsu," "Double Suicide."

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"Assignment America" (Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. starting Jan. 7) is a weekly series of interviews, with the rough intention of finding the present spirit of the country by talking to representative Americans. George F. Will, the Washington columnist; May Angelou, playwright; author Studs Terkel; and Doris Kearns, described as a "psycho-historian," will alternate as the host-interviewer. Terkel takes the first assignment, interviewing Ed Sadlowksi, a leader of the steelworkers' union.

"Consumer Survival Kit" (Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 11) will tell us how to avoid getting taken in the supermarket or the auto garage, and will give the homemaker some ammunition in his battle with furnace repairmen, roofers and door-to-door salesmen. This is a 26-week series.

"The Romantic Rebellion" (Mondays at 9 p.m. starting Jan. 13) brings Lord Kenneth Clark back to television, with a 15-part series tracing the development of romantic art from the late 18th to the early 20th century. The artists whose works are seen include David, Ingres, Goya, Turner, Constable, Millet and Delacroix.

"Bill Moyers Journal: International Report" (Fridays at 10 p.m. starting Jan. 17) brings back television's best journalist for 20 hours, this time with an emphasis on foreign affairs.

"The Romagnoli's Table" (Sundays starting Jan. 19) will be 13 lessons in slinging the fettuccine, by a cooking couple, Franco and Margaret Romagnoli.

Radio Highlights

4 P.M.—KEST (1450) "Freeway Funnies" with Bob Newhart.
5:10 P.M.—KEEN (1370) Ski reports and conditions.
4:56 P.M.—KGO (810) Ski reports. Again at 5:26 and 6:25 p.m.

5:30 P.M.—KNBR (680) "Sportsweep."
6:25 P.M.—KCBS (740) A rundown of Bay Area entertainment events.

7:45 P.M.—KEEN (1370), KKIS (990) Ice hockey, Seals vs. Buffalo.
8 P.M.—KEST (1450) "Inner Sanctum."
8 P.M.—KKHI (1550) Music from Interlochen broadcast. Delius Paradise Garden. Griffes' "The White Peacock"; Debussy Quartet in G. Minor, Op. 10; Beethoven "Leonore" Overture No. 3, Gabrieli String Quartet. Also on FM (95.7).

9 P.M.—KSFO (500) Mystery Theater: "The 30th Man" starring Ross Martin.
9 P.M.—KSFO (500) Golden Age of Radio. Tonight: "The Devil and Mr. X" by Arch Obler.

FM HIGHLIGHTS

6 P.M.—KALW (91.7) "American Humor on Record," Herschel Bernardt.
7 P.M.—KMPX (107) "Music for Young Old Timers."
7 P.M.—KRON (96.5) Show Album: "I Do! I Do!", original cast starring Mary Martin and Robert Preston.
8 P.M.—KDFC (102.1) Concert Hall, Dvorak Symphony No. 7, Berlin Philharmonic; Stravinsky Suite No. 1 for Small Orchestra, CBC Orchestra.

10:40 P.M.—KDFM (92.1) The Movie Suite, music from motion pictures.

TOMORROW:
6:45 A.M.—KGO (810) Ski reports. Again at 7:45 and 8:45 a.m.
11 A.M.—KKHI (1550) Live Metropolitan Opera broadcast. Rossini's "L'Italiana in Algeri" (The Italian Girl in Algeria), Marilyn Horne, Christine Weidinger, Shirley Love, Enrico Di Giuseppe, Theodore Uppman, Fernando Corena, Gene Boycher. Also on FM (95.7).

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★ Paid Advertisement

- 4 P.M.
2—Batman
4—Merv Griffin: Wayne Newton, Sandler and Young, Pete Barbutti, Loni Anderson
5:10—Mike Douglas: Jamie Farr, Don Rother, George Shearing
8—Mike Douglas: Joel Grey, Sergio Franchi
9:4—Sesame Street
11—Star Trek
12—Jeopardy
12—Merv Griffin
20—Spanish Novela
36—Movie: "No Time to Kill" (1963) John Ireland
40—Partridge Family
44—Flintstones Hour
54—Villa Alegre

- 4:30 P.M.
2—1 Dream of Jeannie
12—Jackpot
20—Music Box
40—Superman
54—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

- 5 P.M.
2:46—Bonanza
7:11—News
9:6—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
12—Star Trek
20—Spanish Novela
31—Solid Gold Heroes
40—Mod Squad
44—Three Stooges
54—Sesame Street

- 5:30 P.M.
4:3-10-11-13—News
5—Dealer's Choice
6—Electric Company
8—Family Affair
9:14—Villa Alegre
31—Movie: "Beast With Five Fingers" (1946)
44—Little Rascals

- 6 P.M.
2—Love American Style
4:3-5:7-8-10-12-20-46—News
6—Update
9:14-54—Electric Company
11—Movie: "Dog of Flanders" (1960)
13—Roymond Burr Show
36—Movie: "Jean of Paris" (1942) Alan Ladd
38—Black Buffalo's Pow Wow
40—Star Trek
44—Wild Wild West

- 6:30 P.M.
2—Bewitched
4:3-5-8-10-12-46—News
6—Special: "Soccer: Pelé, the Master"
9—Open Studio
14-54—Law For The '70s

- 7 P.M.
2:40—FBI
4—Truth Or Consequences
5:13—News
6:14-54—Aviation Weather
8—To Tell The Truth
9—Book Beat
10—Concentration
12—Lawrence Welk
20—Cita Con Las Estrellas
31—Movie: "Mask Of Marcella" (1971)
38—Pattern For Living
44—Hogan's Heroes Hour
46—Merv Griffin

- 7:30 P.M.
3—Seven Thirty
4—Wild World of Animals

SATURDAY JANUARY 4

★ Paid Advertisement

- 6 A.M.
3—6:30. Across The Fence
4—University of Michigan;
6:30. Across The Fence
5—Agriculture; 6:30. Sunrise Semester
8:13—6:30. Agriculture
10-12—6:30. Sunrise Semester
31—6:15. Brother Buzz
40—6:30. Physical Fitness

- 7 A.M.
43-8—Addams Family
5—First Americans
7:11—Yogi's Gang
9—Electric Company
10—Focus On Farming
12—This Is The Life
13—Focus On Education
31—Solid Gold Heroes
40—Teatro Latino

- 7:30 A.M.
4:3-8—Wheeler And The Chopper Bunch
5—Jabberwocky
7:11—Bugs Bunny
9—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
10—Big Blue Marble
12—Good News
13—Vision On
31—Movie: "Bedlam" (1946)
46—My Favorite Martian

- 8 A.M.
4:3-8—Emergency + 4
5:10-12-46—Speed Buggy
7:11-13—Hong Kong Phooey
9—Carrascollendas

- 8:30 A.M.
2—Voice of Agriculture
4:3-8—Run, Joe, Run
5:10-12-46—Scooby Doo
7:11-13—Adventures Of Gilligan
9—Sesame Street

- 9 A.M.
2—Asians Now
4:3-8—Land Of The Lost
5:10-12-46—Jeannie
6—Zoom
7:11-13—Devlin
20—Greek American Program
31—Movie: "Putnstuff" (1970)
36—Festival Latino
40—Image 75

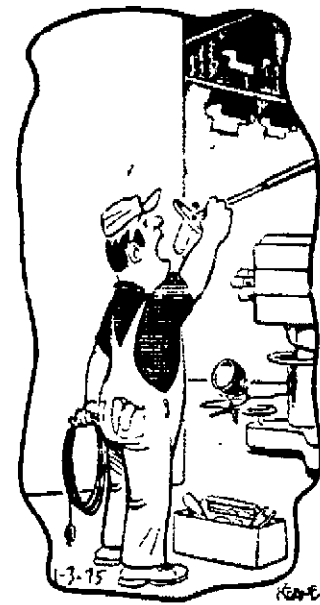
- 9:30 A.M.
2—Revista De La Semane
3—Bill Cosby Show
4—Sigmund And The Sea Monsters
5:10-12-46—Partridge Family
6—Electric Company
7:11-13—Korg: 70,000 B.C.
9—Villa Alegre
20—Soccer
23—Wally's Workshop
44—Music And The Spoken Word

- 10 A.M.
2—College Basketball: Notre Dame vs. Maryland
4:3-8—Pink Panther
5:10-12-46—Valley of the Dinosaurs
7:11-13—Super Friends
9:6—Sesame Street
40—Movie: "High Society" (1955)
44—Wrestling

- 10:30 A.M.
4:3-8—Star Trek
5:10-12-46—Shozrom

Channel Chuckles

By DR. KEANE



"Testing . . . we have temporarily lost the audio portion of our program . . . testing . . ."

- 5—Name That Tune
6—California Journal
7—Let's Make A Deal
8—Hogan's Heroes
9—Black Perspective On The News
10—\$25,000 Pyramid
12—To Tell The Truth
36—Christ The Living Word
54—Mr. Wizard

- 8 P.M.
2—Movie: "Ugetsu" (1953) Machiko Kyo
4:3-8—Sanford and Son
5:10-12-46—Movie: "Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang" (1968) Dick Van Dyke, Sally Ann Howes
7:11-13—Kung Fu: Sandra Locke, Jan Sterling, Ken Swofford, Howard Duff
9:6-14—Washington Week In Review
20—Spanish Novela
36—Movie: "The French Line" (1954) Jane Russell, Craig Stevens
38—Corne To Life
40—Movie: "Lusty Men" (1952)
44—Best Of Groucho
54—Nova

- 8:30 P.M.
4:3-8—Chico And The Man
9:6-14—Wall Street Week: "Happy New Year"
38—Jimmy Swagart
44—Dinah: Richard Chamberlain, Michele Lee, Betty White

- 9 P.M.
4:3-8—Rockford Files: Lindsay Wagner
7:11-13—Six Million Dollar Man: Mike Farrell, Joan Darling
9:6-14-54—Masterpiece Theater: "Upstairs, Downstairs" (Part 9)

- 11 A.M.
4:3-8—Jeltons
5:10-12-46—Harlem Globetrotters Popcorn Machine
6—Zoom
7:11-13—These Are The Days
9—Tennis: Spaulding International Mixed Doubles
31—Movie: "Gallant Legion" (1948)
36—Spanish Novela
44—Soul Train

- 11:30 A.M.
4:3-8—Go: Rita Moreno
5:10-12-46—Hudson Brothers Razzle Dazzle Show

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2—McHale's Navy
3—Hot Dog
4—Gift Box: "Stories"
5:10-12-46—Archie
6—Land of the Giants
36—Music From Mexico
40—Movie: "Wolves of the Deep" (1963)
44—Movie: "Attack of the Puppet People" (1958)

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Gardner on TV . . .

By MARILYN AND HY GARDNER

Q—It seems that Don Rickles is the funniest man in the business when he's on somebody else's show. But not when he gets his own TV series. With that track record, will he ever again get his own series?—R. Pritchard, San Jose.

A—Apparently, CBS-TV prexy Bob Wood is so sold on Don's potential as a star he's determined to find a vehicle in which the sharp-tongued wit can race to success. He just signed the Rickles to mastermind a variety special for airing early in '75. If it gets good notices, with ratings to match, Wood will springboard it into a series. If it doesn't, he'll ask Rickles to go to bat again. Wood believes so strongly that Don is a comer, he won't let him be a goner.

Q—Are Jack Cassidy, now estranged from Shirley Jones, and Ted Knight of the Mary Tyler Moore show, brothers? A lot depends upon the answer.—Mrs. Irene Collins, Springfield, Mass.

A—Hope it isn't that important—because the answer is actually no. But Jack once appeared as Ted's brother in a sketch on the MTM show.

Q—Is it true that Sen. Sam Ervin will soon be doing a regular show on TV?—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E., New Bedford, Mass.

A—Yes, "Uncle Sam" will be one of the VIP personalities on ABC's new "Morning Show," along with John Lindsay, Elliot Richardson and Studs Terkel. All on subjects they know best—politics. (Ervin has also expressed interest in gaveling a panel Q. and A. game show.)

Highlights

SANFORD AND SON

Fred returns home after a long trip and spoils his own surprise party (repeat). Channels 4, 3, 8, 8 p.m.

KUNG FU

A journey to mysterious Indian burial grounds, and into the frightening recesses of the human mind, awaits Caine when he encounters a young woman who has escaped from an insane asylum (repeat). Howard Duff guest stars. Channels 7, 11, 13, 8 p.m.



CHICO AND THE MAN
When Ed and Chico stage a garage sale, their antique items are matched by a weird assortment of customers. Channels 4, 3, 8, 8:30 p.m.

DINAH SHORE SHOW

Dinah's guests today are Richard Chamberlain, Michele Lee and Betty White. Channel 44, 8:30 p.m.

THE ROCKFORD FILES

Lindsay Wagner guest stars again hiring Rockford to solve a murder involving a state senator and a con man. Robert Webber plays the senator who is implicated. Channels 4, 3, 8, 9 p.m.

SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN

The crash of a space capsule testing a cyrogenically frozen couple forces Steve Austin to use all his bionic powers to subdue one of the crew who runs amok with incredible strength (repeat). Channels 7, 11, 13, 9 p.m.

MASTERPIECE THEATRE

"Goodwill to All Men" (Part Nine). Young Georgina Worsley celebrates Christmas at Eaton Place and makes friends with the new housemaid Daisy. They celebrate by visiting the slums of London. Channels 9, 6, 14, 54, 9 p.m.

POLICE WOMAN

Ruby Dee guests as Cora Sanders, a political activist under police protection. Cora's anti-police feelings make the job difficult for Sgt. Anderson and her force who is assigned to protect her while visiting a university campus. Channels 4, 3, 8, 10 p.m.

SPECIAL

"Immigration: The Gate Crashers." An examination of the problems and effects on our society of the millions of illegal aliens who have entered and continue to enter the U.S. in disregard of the law. Channels 7, 11, 13, 10 p.m.

TONIGHT SHOW

George Peppard, Leslie Uggams and Art Carney join Johnny Carson today. Channels 4, 3, 8, 12, 11:30 p.m.

IN CONCERT

The Souther, Hillman, Furray Band, the Isley Brothers, Gentle Giant and the Climax Blues Band are featured. Channels 7, 11, 13:30 p.m. (Channel 13, 12:30 a.m.)

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

The Spencer Davis Group, Average White Band and the Charlie Daniels Band join hosts the Guess Who. Channels 4, 3, 8, 12, 1 a.m.

MOVIES

"Ugetsu" with Michiko Kyo and Masayuki Mori. In 16th century Japan, two peasant neighbors move to the city to try to fulfill their dreams. Venice Film Festival winner. Channel 2, 8 p.m.

"Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" with Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes. Ian Fleming's only children's tale is the story of Caractacus Potts (Van Dyke) who transforms an old racing machine into a magical car. Channels 5, 10, 12, 46, 8 p.m.

"The French Line" with Jane Russell and Craig Stevens. Millionaire beauty travels incognito to Paris, posing as a model. A dashing Frenchman takes command. Channel 36, 8 p.m.

"Snow Treasure" starring James Franciscus. The Norwegian underground is prevented from shipping out gold reserve by the sudden German takeover, so it is hidden in a cave. The task of smuggling goes to school children. Channel 5, 11:30 p.m.

"The Brighton Strangler" with John Loder and Jane Duprez. Eerie story of a strangler at large on foggy London nights. Channel 36, 11:30 p.m.

New Sister Act for Welk?

ESCONDIDO (AP) — Those darling daughters of Joe Semonski are putting off thoughts of marriage and settling down. Instead they may become the 1975 version of the Lennon Sisters on the long-running Lawrence Welk show.

But it seems a lifetime since they were the entire choir at St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Great Meadows, N.J.

The father, who owned a music store and gave lessons, recalled in an interview that "the girls all seemed somewhat talented in their own ways," but he never noticed really until he heard them singing together one day five years ago.

In between such activities as school, they started appearing at local weddings and club meetings, but "the girls were getting older and thinking about getting married," their dad says.

That all change two months ago. Donald O'Connor spotted 7-year-old Michelle in the audience at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and asked her to join him on the stage.

"I sing," the blond youngster blurted out. In a few minutes her five sisters were performing with her.

Bandleader Harry West was so impressed that he set up an appointment with Lawrence Welk and, recalls Semonski, "Mr. Welk just flipped out over them."

The girls — Diane, 18, Donna, 16, JoAnn, 14, Valerie, 12, Audrey, 11, and Michelle — performed on Welk's Christmas and New Year's television shows.

On the Christmas show, at Welk's request, they sang "He," which the Lennon Sisters sang on his show back in 1955 — the act which started that group on the way to stardom.

Welk, who owns a housing development in Escondido north of San Diego and spends time here, says he plans to make the girls regular performers on his syndicated Saturday night TV show.



THE SINGING SEMONSKI SISTERS

Standing: Joanne, Michelle and Donna.

Seated: Diane, Valerie and Audrey.

AMERICA

That fresh new morning show on ABC Television!

Starts Monday, Jan. 6

7:00 AM