

• **March 1 (PBS) NOVA** — “**The Great Wine Revolution**” analyzes the latest scientific research that is “cracking the secrets of the grape.” Growing demand for wine has forced researchers to find a way to control the countless variables that govern wine making in all its stages.

• **March 6 (CBS) “The Body Human: The Red River”** takes a close-up look at the human heart and circulatory system. Four real-life cases are examined. Viewers will see surgery — including microsurgery — performed and will see for the first time, views of the human heart and blood-stream *in utero*.

• **March 6 (PBS) National Geographic Society** — “**The Living Sands of Namib**” shows the adaptability of its plants and animals. This desert (running 1,300 miles, from southern Angola into South Africa), achieves ground temperatures as high as 170° F. In order to survive, the plants and animals adopt highly specialized behavior, designed not only to help them avoid heat, but also to help them take advantage of the dense fogs and infrequent rainfalls.

• **March 8 (PBS) NOVA** — “**The Case of the Ancient Astronauts**” examines the theory of Erich von Däniken, author of *Chariots of the Gods*, that tens of thousands of years ago the earth was inhabited by astronauts from other worlds. In addition to examin-

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ing samples of “proof,” the program explores the readiness to accept such ideas, with their blend of science fiction and fact.

• **March 14 (PBS) The Cousteau Odyssey** — “**Diving for Roman Plunder**” takes a behind-the-scenes look at the world of underwater archeology as Captain Jacques Cousteau and the crew of the *Calypso* explore the underwater site of shipwrecked art treasures more than 2,000 years old.

• **March 15 (PBS) NOVA** — “**The Plastic Prison**” presents the real-life story of David, the five-year-old Houston boy who lives inside a large plastic bubble because he has no natural defenses against disease or infection (See SN: 11/12/77, p. 314).

• **March 18 (NBC)** — “**Mysterious Castles of Clay**” introduces viewers to the African termite, builder of temperature-controlled earthen mounds that rise to 40 feet.

• **March 22 (PBS) NOVA** — “**The Mind Ma-**

chines” examines the question of the growing use of computers and its portents for the future.

• **March 27 (PBS)** — “**A Woman in the Moon**” — Part of the Turnabout series, dealing with the role of women in contemporary society. This episode deals with Sandra Faber, the first woman astronomer to work at the Lick Observatory, and profiles other women scientists, including a physiologist, a chemist, a zoologist and a physicist.

• **March 28 (PBS) National Geographic Society** — “**The Incredible Machine**” explores, via camera, the inner recesses of the human body.

• **March 29 (PBS) NOVA** — “**Icarus' Children**” tells of the continuing struggle to conquer the air by human power and of one man's success.

• “**Daniel Foster, M.D.**” is a weekly, half-hour medical information program shown on PBS, presenting current medical information in a conversational format. The host, a professor of internal medicine at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, is joined each week by guest specialists. Topics to be discussed in March include: March 4: Infertility and Pituitary Tumors; March 11: Cystic Fibrosis; March 18: Gallbladder Disease; and March 25: Back Disorders.

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