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**COVER:** A single protein throughout the plant and animal kingdoms has been found to bind calcium and participate in the wide variety of calcium-dependent processes. A fluorescent dye bound to an antibody allows scientists to observe the distribution of that protein in cells. See p. 119 (Photo: Anthony R. Means, Baylor College of Medicine)

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# SCIENCE ON THE AIR

SCIENCE NEWS prints the latest written word of scientific developments and noteworthy news. We've set this space aside to inform our readers of programs of scientific interest that are scheduled on television. Check your local listings for exact times.

• **Sept. 3 (PBS) "When Rivers Run Dry"** is a review of the history and ecology of water in New Mexico and Arizona from 300 B.C. to the present.

• **Sept. 15 (PBS) "Joan Robinson: One Woman's Story"** is a powerful documentary on living with cancer. It describes one woman's 22-month battle with her illness. It will be followed by the 30-minute show "Joan Robinson Epilog: Five Years Later."

• **Sept. 15 (PBS) A "Nuclear Power" debate on Advocates in Brief** focuses on the desirability of phasing out nuclear power as an energy source and whether we should regulate it.

• **Sept. 17 (PBS) "Wood is Too Good to Burn"** looks at the new uses being made of this renewable resource. It examines new methods of growing trees faster and illustrates new products from wood.

• **Sept. 22 (PBS) National Geographic Society — "The Invisible World"** takes advantage of advances in technology to present a look at microscopic life in minute detail.

• **Sept. 25 (PBS) "To Say I Am"** focuses on the latest technology aiding the estimated half-million U.S. children and adults unable to communicate either by voice or sign language.

• **(PBS) The Body in Question:** This 13-part series on health and the human body is hosted by Jonathan Miller, noted British physician, writer, actor, lecturer and theatre director. Filmed on locations throughout the world, the series uses special effects, art, architecture, historical recreations and live experiments to focus on personal, historical and cultural patterns of illness. The first show in the series, "Naming of Parts" (Sept. 30), postulates that our ignorance of basic physiology leads to unusual attitudes toward our own insides. Using a variety of media, Miller explains what happens when we fall ill.

• **(PBS) Cosmos:** This is a 13-part series, created and hosted by Carl Sagan devoted to astronomy and space exploration in the broadest possible human context. In the premiere episode, "The Shores of the Cosmic Ocean" (Sept. 30), Sagan employs a "spaceship of the imagination" to take viewers on a simulated, scientifically accurate journey from the edge of the known universe 8 billion light years away.

• **(PBS) NOVA: Sept. 2 — "Termites to Telescopes"** is a commentary by Philip Morrison, Institute Professor and professor of physics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on the nature of civilization; **Sept. 9 "The Insect Alternative"** looks at the problems created by chemical pesticides; **Sept. 16 "Race for Gold"** is the first part of a two-part look at science and sports. The focus of this segment is the controversy at the 1976 Olympics over possible misuse of drugs by the East German athletes to improve their performances; **Sept. 23 "All Part of the Game"** looks at sports medicine, a new medical specialty that promises to prevent and cure many sports-related problems; **Sept. 30 "The Pink and the Blue"** is the season premiere, a look at contemporary boys and girls—the children raised after a decade of sex role redefinition. Included are looks at the traditional and subtle ways in which sexual stereotypes are formed; interviews are conducted with parents and teachers who deny that they discriminate between the sexes—until they view film footage of themselves.

• **(PBS) Here's to Your Health: Sept. 6 "Drug Interaction"** explains what happens when a drug enters the body and gives advice on how to prevent dangerous drug interactions; **Sept. 13 "Growing Up: The Early Years"** is the first half of a two-part program on pediatrics. It features a visit to the pediatric clinic and a discussion of ways to help children cope with divorce; **Sept. 20 "Growing Up: The Adolescent Years,"** the second half, examines the difficulties adolescents have coping with contemporary life.

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