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Science on the Air

Science News prints the latest written word of scientific development and noteworthy news. We've set this space aside to inform our readers of programs of scientific interest that are scheduled on television and radio. Check your local listings for exact times. (R) indicates a repeat broadcast.

• Oct. 5 (PBS) National Geographic Society — "Polar Bear Alert" (R) shows how the residents of a town on the migratory path of the great white polar bear deal with the annual encounter.

• (PBS) "NOVA": Oct. 3 "The Great Violin Mystery" (R) reveals fascinating attempts to unlock the secret of the sound of the great violins; Oct. 10 "The Case of the UFOs" investigates the fact, fiction and hoax of unidentified flying objects; Oct. 17 "The Fragile Mountain" is a documentary about the Himalayas; Oct. 24 "The Mind Machines" (R) looks at attempts to mimic and replace the human mind with computers.

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• (PBS) "Odyssey" (R): Oct. 14 "The Ancient Mariners" follows the reconstruction of the development of shipbuilding; Oct. 21 "On the Cowboy Trail" examines the modern threats to the time-honored traditions of the cowboy; Oct. 28 "Lucy and the First Family" explores the controversy over human evolution sparked by the discovery of the oldest skeleton of any human ancestor.

• (PBS) "Hard Choices" (R): Oct. 1 "Death and Dying" explores the growing interest in patients' rights and medical ethics; Oct. 8 "Doctor, I Want..." examines America's health care delivery.

• (PBS) "The Body in Question" (R): Oct. 15 "Naming of Parts" shows what happens when we fall ill; Oct. 22 "Try a Little Tenderness" shows the process a doctor takes to reach a diagnosis; Oct. 29 "How Do You Feel?" is an analysis of pain.

• (PBS) "Wild America": Oct. 14 "Watching Wildlife" examines the reasons we watch wildlife and gives viewers an opportunity to observe wild animals in their natural surroundings; Oct. 21 "Swamp Critters" looks at the amazing variety of wild animals found in our southern swamps; Oct. 28 "Wild Dogs — Man's Best Friend" shows that all dogs — wild and domestic — share similar traits.



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