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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.

• Nov. 24 (PBS) "There Was a River Called The Missouri" is a look at the effect of congressional regulations on the river.

Series

- (PBS) "The Body in Question" (R): Nov. 5 "Breathless" explains what may cause breathlessness and demonstrates that the understanding of breathing forms the basis of much modern diagnosis; Nov. 12 "Blood Relations" discusses the ways blood has been looked at over the years; Nov. 19 "Heart of the Matter" explores the history of thinking on how the heart works; Nov. 26 "Shaping the Future" reviews what happens at the moment of conception and how a fertilized egg is transformed into a full-grown adult.
- (PBS) "Nature": Nov. 7 "Kopje: A Rock For All Seasons" is a study of huge outcroppings of

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bedrock in the heart of Africa's Serengeti Plain; Nov. 14 "On the Edge of Paradise" is a journey through a 300-mile-long archipelago of islands in the Caribbean; Nov. 21 "Forest in the Clouds" is a tour of the inner world of a tropical rain forest; Nov. 28 "Discovery of Animal Behavior, Part 1, Natural Mysteries" examines such activities as locomotion, migration and navigation.

- (PBS) "NOVA": Nov. 2 "Why Do Birds Sing?" (R) examines many aspects of avian communication; Nov. 9 "Here's Looking at You, Kid" is the story of a boy's struggle to recover from severe burns; Nov. 16 "Adventures of Teenage Scientists" introduces winners of this year's Westinghouse Science Talent Search; Nov. 23 "The Cobalt Blues" is an examination of U.S. dependence on foreign sources of strategic minerals vital to the aerospace and steel industries; Nov. 30 "Goodbye, Louisiana" is a report on the water problems of southern Louisiana.
- (PBS) "Odyssey" (R): Nov. 4 "The Kirghiz of Afghanistan" looks at how the Kirghiz were forced to alter their way of life; Nov. 11 "Bath

Waters" follows the excavation of a 2,000year-old spa; Nov. 18 "Little Injustices: Laura Nader Looks at the Law" is a comparison of the way legal systems in Mexico and the United States settle disputes and consumer complaints; Nov. 25 "Myths and the Moundbuilders" explores the huge Indian-made earthen mounds scattered throughout the central United States.

- (PBS) "Survival Specials": Nov. 17 "Orangutans: Orphans of the Wild" is a close-up look at the orangutan and efforts being made to save the species; Nov. 24 "Killers of the Plains" is a study of big game animals living on the Serengeti Plain.
- (PBS) "Wild America": Nov. 4 "Mountain Monarchs" are the alpine animals, adapted to life in the severe and unpredictable yet fragile high mountain ecosystem; Nov. 11 "Time of the Grizzly" examines the spectrum of our attitudes toward the grizzly; Nov. 18 "At the Crossroads" explores the struggle of wildlife for survival in modern America; Nov. 25 "Bighorn!" observes a band of wild Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep through the seasons.

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