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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 broadcas

- May 1 (PBS) "Faces of Medicine" is a profile of Judah Folkman of Boston's Children's Hospital and his roles as surgeon, scientist and teacher.
- May 13 (PBS) "Most Endangered Species . . . Dr. Denton Cooley" profiles the noted heart surgeon and chronicles his treatment of a 7-year-old Filipino boy with four congenital heart defects.

Series

- (PBS) "Here's to Your Health": May 7 "Hypertension: Your Blood Pressure is Showing" examines ways in which high blood pressue can be avoided or, at least, controlled; May 14 "Exercise: Shaping Up" discusses the role of exercise in adding years to our lives; May 21 "Obesity and the Slimming of America" looks at the importance of calories to weight and of weight to health; May 28 "Smoking ... Hazardous to Your Health" takes a look at what medical science really knows about the effects of smoking.
- (PBS) "NOVA" (R): May 3 "The Case of the UFOs" investigates the fact, fiction and hoax of UFOs; May 10 "Tracking the Supertrains" questions the need for the high-speed train line between Los Angeles and San Diego, scheduled for completion in 1985; May 17 "Goodbye, Louisiana" reports on the weather problems of southern Louisiana, where last year 50 square miles of coastline disappeared into the Gulf of Mexico; May 24 "Here's Looking at You, Kid" tells the inspiring story of a young boy's recovery from severe burns; May 31 "The Making of a Natural History Film" is "NOVA"'s first program, a film about how wildlife films are made.
- (PBS) "Cosmos" (R): May 1 "Harmony of Worlds" chronicles our increasing understanding of planetary motion, culminating in the work of Johannes Kepler; May 8 "Heaven and Hell" explores the evolution of our solar system; May 15 "Blues for a Red Planet" reviews scientific thought about Mars; May 22 "Travel-

- lers' Tales" includes an imaginary spaceship cruise among the planets and a visit to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where progress of the Voyager II spacecraft's July 1979 voyage is shown; May 29 "The Backbone of Night" asks: "What are the stars, and how far away are they?"
- (PBS) "Creativity with Bill Movers" (R): May 8 "National Center for Atmospheric Research" explores the possibilities of making rain fall where it is needed, with John Firor, head of the NCAR advanced studies program at Miles City, Mont.
- (PBS) "Non-Fiction Television Specials": May 4 "Children of Darkness" profiles several severely emotionally disturbed children in a variety of institutional settings and examines issues surrounding the availability of care and methods of treatment; May 11 "The Cancer War" is a critical look at the institutions that control cancer research in the United States.

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